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**our celebration weekend!**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

dear sweet briar friends,



In June, we had concluded the largest campaign in Sweet Briar's history in true Sweet Briar style, by going over our ambitious \$102 million goal by \$9 million, an accomplishment in which an impressive 87% of our alumnae participated.

As I sit down to write this message, fall semester for 2006 has ended. Exams have been turned in, and students have gone home for the holidays; athletic fields and dining hall are empty. Last week, the library was packed 24 hours a day by exhausted students in sweatshirts and pajama bottoms studying for finals. Today, it seems deserted by contrast. Faculty have read the last term papers, calculated semester grades, and turned their attention to family, friends and holiday travel. The campus, beautiful as always, is preternaturally quiet.

Echoing in the air, though, are the sounds of one of the most exhilarating terms at Sweet Briar in many years. From the moment our 101st freshman class arrived, it was clear that this fall would be a time for celebration. This issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* provides just the highlights. Our September Homecoming focused on Sweet Briar's proud history of Women Who Go Out and Make a Difference. Sounding that theme, we began the festivities with a Founders' Day Convocation honoring Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39 for her philanthropic support of a number of distinguished academic institutions—among them, of course, Sweet Briar. A keynote address by playwright, poet, and author Sallie Bingham, whose carefully targeted philanthropy has focused on women's scholarship and women's artistic achievements, was followed by our traditional walk to the Monument. There, we honored founder Indiana Fletcher Williams, whose dream has made such an important difference in all of our lives.

Saturday featured a full roster of events, from the highly academic to the purely fun. At mid-day the third annual Cardboard Board Regatta brought hordes of alumnae, students and friends to cheer on our young women engineers-in-the-making. After various athletic contests and a horse show, the grand event arrived: the Campaign Celebration Gala. In June, we had concluded the largest campaign in Sweet Briar's history in true Sweet Briar style, by going over our ambitious \$102 million goal by \$9 million, an accomplishment in which an impressive 87% of our alumnae participated. Some 1500 students and their guests, faculty, staff and donors danced

the night away under a spectacular series of tents that nearly filled the quad. On Sunday morning, we attended a moving Chapel service, and inaugurated the charter class for our new Athletics Hall of Fame. What a weekend!

Homecoming Weekend set the tone this year—a year in which we celebrate women's impact on this college and this world. The success of Sweet Briar's campaign is an outward and visible sign of the power of women's higher education to make a difference, one life at a time. That's something to celebrate all year long.

All best from Sweet Briar,



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## HOMECOMING 2006: A WEEKEND OF *celebration*

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION; HOMECOMING COORDINATOR



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HOMECOMING 2006 reached its intended pinnacle as more than 1,500 alumnae, students, parents, friends, faculty, and staff came together for a weekend of celebrating. The road to creating an eventful and memorable Homecoming event began with the receipt of the first official campaign gifts eight years earlier. Then, the idea of morphing an academic and athletics component into Sweet Briar's traditional Fall Council Weekend was recommended just three years ago. The result: our Homecoming 2006 event reflecting Sweet Briar's commitment to producing amazing results.



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Sweet Briar's second Homecoming Weekend celebrated women and the highly successful completion of *Our Campaign For Her World*. The theme, "Women Who Go Out and Make a Difference," honored generations of Sweet Briar alumnae who have had a positive influence on their professions, communities, and families, and commemorated the centennial of the first Sweet Briar class enrolled in 1906.

## Thursday evening

Guests were welcomed to campus at a Cocktail Reception hosted by the Alumnae Association Board at the Sweet Briar Museum during the museum's exhibit "From Morning to Night—Domestic Service in the Gilded Age South." Director Christian Carr and student docents provided highlights. The time period of America's Gilded Age (ca. 1880–1910) is representative of the time period during which the College was founded and showcases the two worlds of household employers and domestic servants that existed in middle- and upper-class homes during this period. The loan of this exhibit, developed by Maymount Foundation with the assistance of the Legacy Museum of African American History in Lynchburg and the Virginia Association of Museums, is an example of our museum's community outreach and partnership with neighboring institutions.



## Friday

The Williams Associates Silver Rose Society Luncheon featured an update by President Muhlenfeld and a panel discussion with student athletes led by Dean Jonathan Green.

The weekend officially began Friday afternoon with Founders' Day Convocation, a yearly tradition since 1909, when the five members of the College's first class entered their senior year. This year Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39, the 2006 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, was honored for her philanthropic support of academic institutions, Sweet Briar College in particular. Sallie Bingham, author, philanthropist and founder of Kentucky Foundation For Women, gave the keynote address, "Women, Power And Money."

During Convocation, all Keystone Society members and Distinguished Alumna Award recipients present were acknowledged. Special recognition also was given to Judith Burnett Halsey '47, who was present for the festivities and whose mother, Eugenia Griffin Burnett '10, was a member of Sweet Briar's first class. Judith's daughter, Mary Shaw Halsey '74, also graduated from Sweet Briar, representing a legacy of three generations.



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**Cocktail Reception, Alumnae House/ Museum**

**Student athlete panelists arrive for Williams Associates/Silver Rose Society Luncheon**

**L-r: Megan Behrie '09; Jennifer Milby '08; Kathryn Brack '09; Jessica Leonardi '07**

**Applause! Applause! for student athlete panelists. L-r: Eleanor C. Leslie; Elsie Landram Layton '50; Katherine Upchurch Takvarian '72**

**L-r: 2006 Distinguished Honoree Elizabeth Perkins Prothro, President Muhlenfeld chat before convocation**





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**Boat House Picnic before  
Boat Regatta**

**SRC members greet all  
comers**

**Crowd gathers to cheer  
the contenders**

**Carter Gloss Professor  
of Government Barbara  
Perry presents Alumnae  
College, "Unlikely  
Comparisons: Dolley  
Madison, Jackie Kennedy,  
and Hillary Clinton"**

**Saturday's Summer  
Honors Research Student  
Lecturers, L-r: Ferrell  
Lyles '07; Shaheen  
Moosa '07; Kendra  
Hawkins '07; Christina  
Johnson '08; Adlyn  
Perez-Figueroa '08**





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**They're off!**  
**Rounding one touch point**  
**The Winners! L-r: Amy Dyer '10; Christina Johnson '08 racing "U.S.S. Happens"**

## *Saturday morning*

Saturday's Alumnae Colleges and Open Houses featured venues specifically supported by the capital campaign including Student Honors Research, the Kitty Corbett Powell '38 Reading Room, Studio Arts Farm, Nature Center, Pannell Art Gallery and the Sweet Briar Museum. Alumnae College lecturers included: Summer Honors Research students Ferrell Lyles '07, Shaheen Moosa '07, Christina Johnson '08, Adlyn Perez-Figueroa '08 and Kendra Hawkins '07; Associate Professor of Arts Management and Director of Galleries Rebecca Massie Lane; Professor of Environmental Sciences David R. Orvos; and Carter Glass Professor of Government and Director of the Center for Civic Renewal Barbara A. Perry.

## *Saturday afternoon*

On Saturday afternoon, the Boxwood Circle Society and the Alumnae Association hosted the Third Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at Sweet Briar Lake. Seven engineering student teams raced life-sized cardboard boats which they had designed and constructed, cheered on by the excited crowd!

Athletic events also were highlighted Saturday afternoon, including home games hosted by Sweet Briar's soccer and field hockey teams and an intramural horse show at Rogers Riding Center.

## *Saturday evening*

In response to the success of the capital campaign, which surpassed the \$102 million goal by raising more than \$110 million, President Muhlenfeld hosted a glorious tented gala (more than 27,000 square feet of tent space was erected on the library lawn, down to Quad Drive). The event was complete with a swing band, sushi bar and elegant Southern fare.

The entire Sweet Briar community celebrated in the heart of the academic village with panoramic views of the southern dell. Regardless of one's time here, the place and the views offered a soulful reminder of who we are and where we are as an academic community and why this institution remains distinguished. It was the best of gatherings with the Sweet Briar community all together in grand social form—our amazing students descending the steps of the dorms into the tent, alongside alumnae, parents, friends, faculty, and staff. The traditional on-campus community expanded to one inclusive of all who take part in and support the life of our College.

## PRIOR TO AND DURING HOMECOMING

The Student Relations Committee (SRC) of the Alumnae Association hosted events aimed at building student enthusiasm and attendance. On Aug. 30 and 31, the SRC and Linda DeVagt '86, president of the Alumnae Association, kicked off the Pink and Green Competition and hosted Open Houses for sister classes at The Farm House. The Pink Team was comprised of the first-years and juniors (Classes of 2010 and 2008), and the sophomores and seniors (Classes of 2009 and 2007) made up the Green Team. The Pink Team won the 2006 competition, reigning victorious for a second year. The sister classes of 2010 and 2008 thank the alumnae who supported the spirited rivalry and the resulting Victory Party held on October 30 at The Farm House. During the weekend, SRC members attended events, handed out stadium treats at athletic events and hosted "Reflections," an alumnae panel which discussed traditions and campus life through the decades.

In addition, traditional Annual Fund volunteer training was offered by the Development Office, and the Alumnae Association Board held its fall meetings. The Visiting Committee on the Riding Program and the Friends of Athletics Steering Committee also met. Sally Old Kitchin '76, parent (Maria '04) and member of the Board of Directors, encourages all alumnae to return to Homecoming: "All alumnae are warmly welcomed. The student, faculty and alumnae engagement is wonderful! Alumnae are invited to participate in a number of activities which puts them in direct contact with the students. It is fabulous to see how proud our current students are of Sweet Briar. This year was exceptional the moment we stepped on campus."







## Sunday

On Sunday morning, President Muhlenfeld along with student and alumnae celebrants gave thanks for the life of the College. Interim Chaplain Reverend Adam White delivered the sermon, "Eight Hundred and Three Steps"—the actual number of steps from Eric Casey's Classics classroom to the Engineering Lab—a metaphor illustrative of how intellectual differences among diverse disciplines are reduced by the gift of education. The sermon was complemented by readings and music designed to provide a point of closure to the weekend.

The most compelling athletic event was Sunday's induction of the charter members of the Sweet Briar College Athletics Hall of Fame. The nine inductees span multiple decades (See p. 24 for full coverage). Following the Athletics Hall of Fame Brunch were alumnae competitions in field hockey, soccer and swimming.

## One final note

As an alumna and a staff member, it was an honor and a privilege to work collaboratively with so many community members, both on- and off-campus. The students, faculty, and staff were amazing during a time also marked by the onset of the new academic year already filled with many obligations and focuses. The alumnae, parents, and friends provided support and resources beyond expectation. The Alumnae Association Board thanks each of you.

*Please plan to join us next fall for Homecoming, September 20-23, 2007!*



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**Six Charter Members of the Athletics Hall Of Fame, standing approximately where the new Fitness and Athletics Center complex will end (Williams Gymnasium in background).**

**L-r: Katie Hearn '85; Bee Newman Thoyer '61; Mary Jane Schrader Oliver Hubbard '62; Chips Chao Pai '57; Cannie Cryslar Shafer '78; Lendon Gray '71**

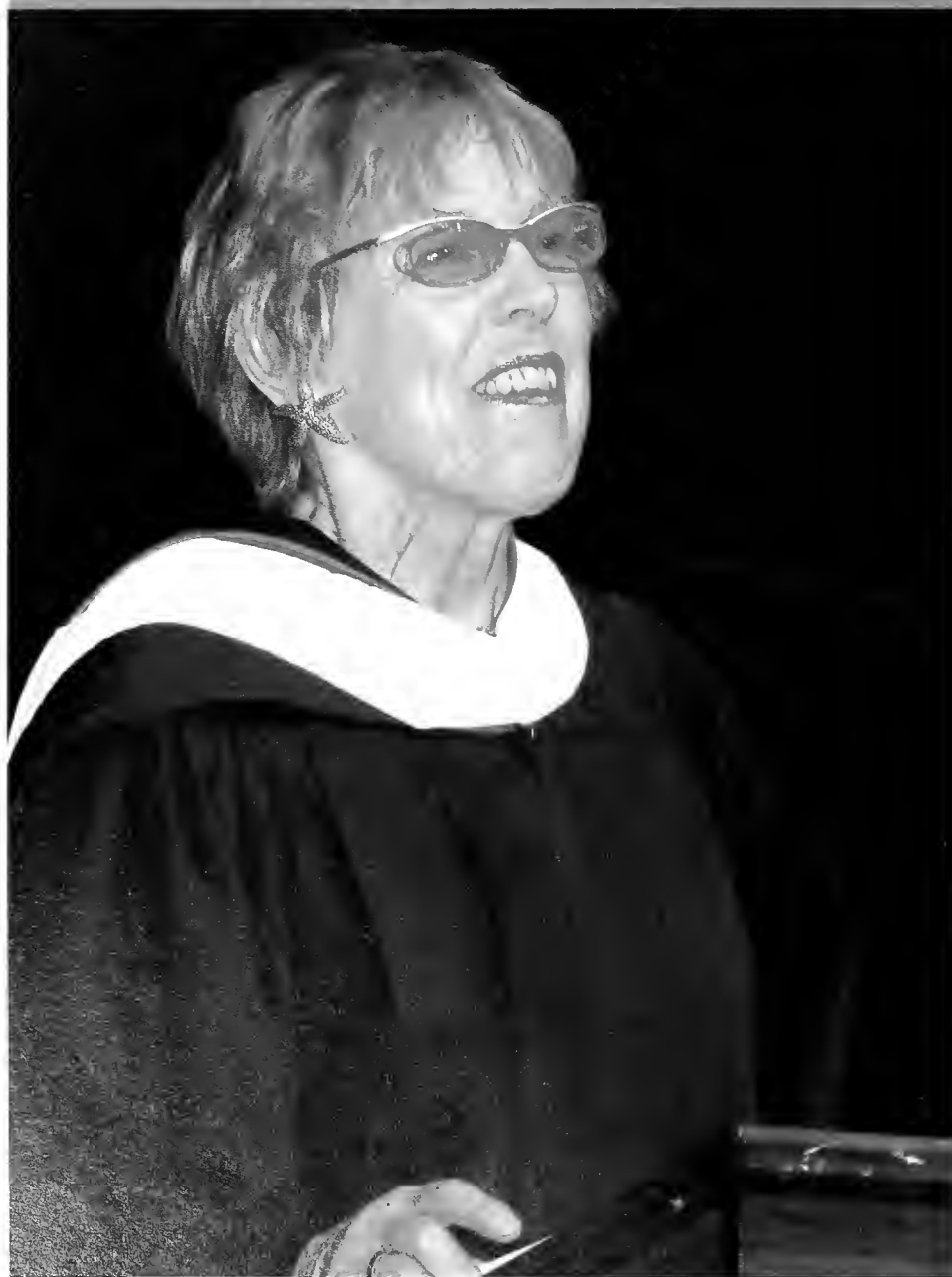
**Alumnae field hockey and soccer**



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
FOUNDERS' DAY  
CONVOCATION 2006

# Women POWER & MONEY



SALLIE BINGHAM  
AUTHOR, PHILANTHROPIST AND FOUNDER,  
KENTUCKY FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

**I have to admit to a guilty thrill whenever I'm asked to talk about women, power and money. Perhaps it's because these three nouns were never linked when I was growing up in Kentucky.**

Women then didn't seem to have either power or money. In fact some of them did have one or the other, or even both—but that was kept disguised, like some kind of bad manners.

I never put much stock in manners, perhaps because my ancestress, Mary Wortley Montague, the British writer and world traveler, wasn't much interested in manners, either. When someone at a party was shocked by the sight of her dirty hands, Mary said, "You should see my feet." And that was in the eighteenth century when people seldom bathed.

Yet even today, women who openly show an interest in power and money may be treated as though they ought to take a bath.

Why is that?

Perhaps because power was never considered an appropriate adornment for a woman, and certainly not for a lady. Power brings conflict in its train, and we are taught early and well to avoid conflict at all costs—especially with men. Some of you may even remember when girls were not supposed to excel at academics or sports (excelling is a form of power) for fear that they wouldn't get dates.

Yet there was a way a woman could use her money, if she had it, and that was by giving it away. My grandmother, who was a great cynic and therefore a great teacher, called that "flannel petticoat charity."

That's the form of Band-Aid giving that never addresses root causes of poverty or injustice, the kind of giving that Dorothea Brooks, in George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, distrusted, the kind of giving we do now when we support various cosmetic companies' campaigns to eradicate breast cancer without realizing that it is pollution that is causing this epidemic.

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Confronting root causes is difficult, but it is a most worthy exercise of power and intelligence. Giving money to buy Band-Aid solutions is a way of avoiding responsibility for what is causing our problems.

To give with power, to give in the fight against root causes, whether discrimination in all its forms, economic exploitation, servile acquiescence in government irresponsibility, prejudice, hatefulness wherever it is promoted—that brings us into the gun sights of those who want to control reality. But it also brings an incredible sense of satisfaction—whether our goals are achieved or not.

For we can never know what one word of protest, one letter to the editor, one dollar sent to an unpopular cause will do in a future beyond our ken.

But before we can give away our money—and I think it's safe to assume that everyone hearing me today has some money to give away—we must claim it.

This is particularly difficult in the case of inherited money. I didn't inherit my money, I had to fight like the devil for it, but I didn't earn it; it was earned by many other people. So I am in a way an inheritor, and so it is doubly difficult for me to own these ill-gotten gains.

Ill-gotten because so many of the people who worked for my family's monopoly corporations in Kentucky—especially the women, receptionists, secretaries and cafeteria workers—never accumulated enough money to do much in the world.

With this on my mind, I decided after the sale of the corporations to put about a third of my 11% of the total into an endowment for a new kind of foundation: a foundation that supports women artists who are feminists—who use their art for social change.

The Kentucky Foundation For Women is still one of only two foundations in the country that gives its grants to women artists who are feminists. There are now a few more foundations that support women than there were 15 years ago, when I founded KFW, but most of them give money for basic survival needs. Band-Aids, expressions of empathy—but useless in attacking root causes.

If you believe, as I do, that the highest form of art alters the atmosphere and shapes the unconscious of its partaker, then you will understand why I feel the work of the Kentucky Foundation For Women is revolutionary. With each of our grants, we are saying, "This woman is important, her art is important, and it will cause a change in those who see it, hear it, or read it. A change that we can't quantify—and don't want to. A change that is silent, bold, unending."

Of course we were much criticized, at the beginning. Mainly we were accused of being crazy idealists and also possibly lesbians—the same criticism that is launched whenever women exercise power, as though being sane and heterosexual somehow weakens resolve and neutralizes outrage.

But then, maybe it does! Close contact with sanity, defined in our culture as convention, as fitting in—and close contact with men, defined as submission and pleasing—may very well weaken our resolve and neutralize our outrage. And we will certainly find ourselves better liked.

I am guessing that some of you here today may be in a position, either now or later, to set up a foundation to help yourselves, and other women, make a dent in this dreary world. Your own experiences in that world will provide a sharp goad to bring about change, if you are aware and awake. Perhaps someone here today will also be aroused by her own experience to believe in the power of art to bring about change.

How did I arrive at this belief? I was fortunate as a child to be exposed to the paintings of El Greco in a big book of plates in the family library; I found I could not bear to look at one of his greenish, writhing crucifixions. Fear is a marvelous example of the working of power—the one glimpse I allowed myself of that crucifixion undid all the pastel images in my Sunday school coloring books.

Or, years later, when I saw *The Dinner Party*, Judy Chicago's outrageous place settings absolved me of some of the shame of being a woman—just like that. For in my childhood, growing up female meant growing up ashamed. And now, the

Brooklyn Museum of Art is building a new wing, thanks to a gift from Elizabeth Sackler's foundation, to house *The Dinner Party*, which has been warehoused for decades, in a collection of feminist art—two words that, like women and power, are almost never seen together.

I could go on to cite my vision of *The Victory of Samothrace*, on a staircase in the Louvre, as an influence—but I was also persuaded by my experiences as a writer.

I first recognized the power of words artfully used in a rather unfortunate way. My first published short story, written while I was at college, caused a storm because it revealed the then-shocking fact that young men and women sometimes had sexual relationships. This was in the era of parietal rules when housemothers in housecoats patrolled girls' dormitories and served tea on Sunday afternoon.

So when my story, "Winter Term," appeared in the *Harvard Advocate* and subsequently in *Mademoiselle* (this was when the women's magazines published serious fiction), I was called in by the Dean, a terrifying figure in suit, hat and gloves with a hateful little dog under her desk. She told me the story would stop alumni giving (and it was only eight pages long!).

I learned the first and hardest lesson of my life as a writer then—for I deleted all references to Cambridge from the story. And of course it did no good, and I realized I had betrayed myself because I was frightened.

Now, as I look back on that frightened girl, I understand what a long journey I have come. It is the same journey that everyone in this room must travel, from the innocence of helplessness to the wisdom of power.

That is the journey I wish for all of you.

There is pain and terror along the way—no question of that. But when you have learned to use your money, and your power, you will arrive at an appreciation of your womanhood unlike anything you have ever imagined—or that your mother or your grandmother imagined. And that appreciation is indeed the crown only power, rightfully used, can confer.

## Recipients of the Distinguished Alumna Award

The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.

- 1988  
Darathy Rouse-Bottom '49  
Diana Muldaur Dazier '60  
Karin Lawson '74
- 1989  
Hallam Hurt '67
- 1990  
Virginia Upchurch Collier '72  
Katherine Upchurch Takvarian '72
- 1991  
Ann Henderson Bannard '49  
Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45
- 1992  
Marshall Yeargin-Allsapp '68
- 1993  
Mally Haskell Sarris '61
- 1994  
Anna Chao Pai '57
- 1995  
Jaan Vail Thorne '51
- 1996  
Beryl Bergquist Farris '71
- 1997  
Georgene M. Vaira '72
- 1998  
Katharine Crammelin Milton '62
- 1999  
Patricia Traugott Rouse '48
- 2000  
Connie Burwell White '34
- 2001  
Jaanne Halbrook Patton '52
- 2002  
Nella Gray Barkley '55
- 2003  
Elizabeth Marton Farsyth '36\*
- 2004  
Anne Little Paulet '64
- 2005  
Ja Ann Soderquist Kramer '64
- 2006  
Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

\*DECEASED



## 2006 Distinguished Alumna Award to Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE AT FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006  
BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LINDA DEVOGT '85



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Founders' Day Presidential Party, l-r:  
Dean Jonathan Green; Convocation Speaker  
Sallie Bingham; Distinguished Alumna Honoree  
Elizabeth Prothro; President Muhlenfeld;  
Alumnae Association President Linda DeVogt;  
Chaplain Adam White; Dean of  
Co-Curricular Life Cheryl Steele

### Elizabeth Prothro accepts award

It is my great pleasure and privilege, as President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Elizabeth Perkins Prothro of the Class of 1939, recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumna Award, one of the highest honors Sweet Briar College can bestow.

Elizabeth Prothro remembers the beginning of her family's connection to the College: "My mother and a family friend and I were driving across the country in 1935, passed Sweet Briar and decided to drive in. When I saw it, I decided that's where I wanted to go." Now, three generations of Prothro women have attended Sweet Briar. Daughter Kay Prothro Yeager is Class of '61; Kay's daughters, Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84 and Linda Yeager Belchev '85, were next. Son Mark's daughter, Holly Prothro Philbin is Class of '95.

Elizabeth always has shown great generosity to her alma mater, giving financial support but also pitching in to

determine needs and working to fulfill them. In 1957, she served on President Anne Gary Pannell's Advisory Board. Actively interested in the intellectual life of the College, she was the founding chairman of Sweet Briar's Friends of the Library in 1966, building an organization that immediately enhanced the quality of the library collections, leading to Sweet Briar's library being widely regarded as the best private undergraduate collection in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She is a life member of Friends of the Library.

In 2001, Elizabeth was one of twenty-two recipients of the Sweet Briar College Centennial Award during the College's Centennial Celebration. This award was created by action of the Centennial Commission "to recognize faculty, staff, alumnae and friends who through their dedication and commitment have had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar Community" during the College's first 100 years.

In 2002, she became a charter member of Sweet Briar's Keystone Society. In 2003, Elizabeth served as a member of the Dallas Campaign Planning Committee during *Our Campaign For Her World*.

Also in 2003, she was one of three recipients of the Council of Independent College's major national awards, receiving its Award for Philanthropy, which "celebrates individuals who contribute volunteer service or financial support to independent colleges and universities. It honors those individuals who, by their example, provide a beacon for others to follow."

The Council of Independent College's President Erkman, in introducing Elizabeth, noted: "The Prothro family's gifts have helped to institute important educational programs and build critical facilities including campus centers, libraries, and research and medical centers. Their service on various higher education related boards and commissions has contributed to the vigor of private colleges and universities."

As well as Sweet Briar, Southwestern University, Southern Methodist University, Baylor University Medical Center, Midwestern State University, Texas

## Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39 received the 2006 Distinguished Alumna Award at Founders' Day Convocation, September 22, 2006

Her connection to the College began in 1935; she and her mother, driving across the country, passed Sweet Briar. "When I saw it, I decided that's where I wanted to go." Now, three generations of Prothro women have attended: daughter Kay Prothro Yeager '61; Kay's daughters Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84 and Linda Yeager Belichev '85; and son Mark's daughter Holly Prothro Philbin '95.

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In 2001 Elizabeth was one of 22 recipients of Sweet Briar's Centennial Award, which recognized faculty, staff, alumnae and friends who "through dedication and commitment have had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College during its first 100 years." In 2002, she became a charter member of the Keystone Society.

She served on the Dallas Campaign Planning Committee (*Our Campaign For Her World*) in 2003 and also was one of three recipients of the Council of Independent College's major national awards, receiving its Award for Philanthropy, which "celebrates individuals who contribute volunteer service or financial support to independent colleges and universities." Besides Sweet Briar, Southwestern University, Southern Methodist University, Baylor University Medical Center, Midwestern State University, Texas Wesleyan University, the University of Texas, and Wafford College have benefited from Elizabeth's interest and support.

A member of the Silver Rose Society, her enthusiasm has inspired an ongoing family commitment.



Elizabeth with son Mark Prothro, granddaughter Holly Prothro Philbin '95



Wesleyan University, the University of Texas, and Wofford College have benefited from Elizabeth's and her family's interest and support.

"At home," Elizabeth is a photographer whose work, including photographs and murals, has been displayed in several public buildings and private collections. A collector of rare Bibles, she donated a collection of 300 rare Bibles to the Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She serves as Vice President of the Perkins-Prothro Foundation, and in 2006 is Honorary Board/Director for the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

A member of the Silver Rose Society, her enthusiasm and enduring interest inspired an ongoing family commitment. Her late husband Charles began a lengthy service on Sweet Briar's Board in 1960, and was chairman of the Board of Directors from 1972 until his retirement in 1977. Their daughter Kay gave nine years of service to Sweet Briar's Board, 1984-1993, and son Mark served on the Board for eight years, 1995-2003.

The generosity of Elizabeth and her entire family has helped keep Sweet Briar on top. A gift from her mother, Lois Perkins, in honor of Elizabeth and granddaughter Kay Prothro Yeager, provided the organ in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel. The Perkins-Prothro Foundation's numerous gifts over the decades include the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Natatorium (1975-77), the Prothro Commons (1981), and the Prothro Scholarship, the College's largest endowed scholarship fund. Their most recent gift in 2002 was designated to the new Student Commons, "made from the good memories and love" members of the family have for Sweet Briar.

Elizabeth Perkins Prothro is clearly A Woman Who Has Gone Out And Made A Difference...in so many ways.

*Thank you, Elizabeth, for all you have done and continue to do.*

*Thank you especially for your steadfast loyalty and stewardship of Sweet Briar College.*



**L-r: Ann Young Bloom '59; Charlotte Heuer de Serio '57; Donna Pearson Josey '64; Helen Murchison Lane '46; Eleanor C. Leslie; Richard E. Leslie; Mary Lee McGinnis McClain '54; VFIC (Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges) represented by Mary-Beth Johnson, Vice President, VFIC. Not pictured: Margaret Jones Wyllie '45**

## New Keystone Society Members Honored At Convocation

**KEYSTONE:** The wedge-shaped piece at the crown of an arch that locks the other pieces in place; something on which associated things depend for support"

The Keystone Society was chartered in 2002 with 16 members who made lifetime commitments totaling \$1 million or more. Keystone Society members are the very center of Sweet Briar's strong philanthropic tradition. Their investments enliven our learning community and heighten the College's distinguished national reputation.

### KEYSTONE SOCIETY MEMBERS

Anonymous  
Mildred Lewis Adkins '29\*  
Ann Ritchey Baruch '62  
Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21\*  
Gordon G. Beemer H '21\*  
Audrey T. Betts '45\*  
Betty Bean Black '49\*  
Ann Young Bloom '59  
J. Bruce Bredin\*  
Octavia M. duPont Bredin\*  
Catherine Barnett Brown '49  
Walter H. Brown H '49  
Ruth Simpson Carrington '21\*  
Nancy Hancock Coe '31\*  
Flora Cameron Crichton '46  
The Charles A. Dana Foundation  
The Jessie Ball duPont Foundation  
Charlotte Heuer de Serio '57  
Frances Johnson Finley '37\*  
James D. Finley II  
Carol McMurtry Fowler '57  
The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation  
Nancy Hall Green '64  
Evelyn Lorraine Haire Greer '91  
Margaret Bell Hare '32\*

George W. Jackson\*  
Donna Pearson Josey '64  
Helen Murchison Lane '46  
Richard E. and Eleanor C. Leslie  
Helen Martin '33\*  
Mary Lee McGinnis McClain '54  
Norma Patteson Mills '60  
J. Wilson Newman\*  
The Perkins-Prothro Foundation  
C. Wrede Petersmeyer\*  
Frances Gregg Petersmeyer '43  
Kitty Corbett Powell '38  
John Lee Pratt\*  
Charles N. Prothro\*  
Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39  
Sally Reahard '30\*  
Bettie Katherine Arnold Reed '64  
Anne Wilson Rowe '57  
Josiah P. Rowe III  
Ann Sanford Upchurch '48\*  
The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges  
Cornelia Waites '26\*  
Edward T. Waites\*  
Margaret Jones Wyllie '45

\*DECEASED



Woman places flowers



## CONVOCATION PROCESSION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE



Bagpiper leads annual procession to Monument Hill



# SBC steps



As Homecoming 2006 draws to a close, one cannot help but muse about the name itself, "Homecoming," of coming home and being home. It's true: for alumnae, for faculty, and for students this place has become a kind of home. But even more than a home, this place is a gift with its origin in a gift, the gift of Indiana Fletcher Williams and James Henry Williams. A gift which brought triumph out of tragedy and a glorious future out of an end. Sweet Briar is a gift that continues to give in the lives of women; women who go out and make a difference in our world. The success of *Our Campaign for Her World* is a testimony to the profound degree to which we believe this place is a gift, a gift worth sharing.

But what is the nature of the gift? What kind of gift is it? At first the answer seems simple enough. The gift is an education. But not just any education. It's a broad education, an education that comprises the richness of the liberal arts. But to say that what Sweet Briar offers is merely a diversity of subjects does not tell the whole story. To say that it is a broad education seems to miss the real passion of professors, the unquenchable inquiry of students, and the magic that happens around this place when energetic faculty engage with students hungry for knowledge. To merely say that the curriculum is broad and wide-ranging seems to miss the real heart and soul, the *pathos* of what we are about here. The term "liberal" is equally problematic, especially in an age in which titles like "liberal" or "conservative" ignite enormous firestorms at their mere mention; in an age where polarization is the order of the day.

I was thinking the other day about the notion of liberal studies, the liberal arts, and liberal education. I just happened to be in the kitchen baking a cake with my seven-year-old daughter (that's class of 2021). I have learned that the kitchen is a marvelous laboratory for learning important life lessons. When we arrived at the point in the baking process where we needed

to ice the cake, I began to read the instructions on the canister of icing which exhorted me to apply the icing "liberally" to the cake. Suddenly, I understood what I was to do. I wasn't just supposed to cover the surface area of the cake. I was to pour on icing as lavishly as possible. I began to lavish icing on this cake. I stepped back for a moment and it was glorious; a generous and extravagant application of icing which proved a beautiful thing to behold. Suddenly, I had my metaphor: the gift of Sweet Briar is a generous and extravagant education.

With more than 40 programs of study, resume-building internships, opportunities for international study, customizable majors that allow students to cut across disciplines and unite diverse fields in an ongoing conversation; with leadership development opportunities, and opportunities for research and writing with faculty; with a team model of advising that can bring together the insights of numerous professional staff all pulling for the student and her future; when it all comes together, it is clear: the Sweet Briar experience is a generous and extravagant education.

A few months ago I was reading from the Greek poet Aeschylus in his work *Prometheus Bound*. In the story, the hero Prometheus steals fire from Zeus and gives it as a gift to humanity. With this basic building block, technology is

REVEREND ADAM J. WHITE, INTERIM CHAPLAIN

born. Humanity learns to make medicine with which to heal, and chariots and warships with which to make war: the means of life and the means of death. Aeschylus understands that technology can be both blessing and curse. Isn't it amazing that someone who lived in the sixth century B.C. would have insight into what we perceive to be a modern problem? It's just another reminder of how interconnected disciplines can be and should be. Indeed, classics has something to say to technology, and technology has something to say to classics. Aeschylus is clearly the domain of classical studies, and when I think about technology, our new engineering program comes to mind. All of this got me to thinking about just how far apart these disciplines really are, and so I had some students pace it out for me. *There are eight hundred and three steps from Dr. Casey's office in classics to the engineering lab in Guion.* And so, the task of a generous and extravagant education is to, in some way, reduce the number of steps between diverse disciplines: not physically, but intellectually, to expand the conversation.

A generous and extravagant education is not afraid of any question or of any answer. It is not afraid of dissident voices. Nothing is off-limits in the pursuit of understanding.

There is no doubt that learning is profoundly spiritual. As the Almighty is the giver of all wisdom and knowledge, so the pursuit of wisdom is a spiritual exercise. Whether we recognize it or not, study is profoundly spiritual. And this goes beyond academics. Co-curricular Life creates opportunities for students to get out in God's world to fish, to canoe, to rock climb, to experience the spiritual awakening that comes with exposure to the creation. There are also opportunities for service learning. Students can join a Habitat for Humanity building project. They can work with children of low-income families. They can become a Big Sister in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program and experience God in service to others.

Words cannot begin to express how significant the Chaplain's Office is to the Sweet Briar community. College is a time when students begin to establish core values. Often college is a time to explore faith in new ways, to try on leadership roles in spiritual life. It's a time when students are trying to discern the value of the faith tradition in which they were raised. For some, the new adventure of an undergraduate career sparks a spiritual awakening and a need for God.

The Chaplain's Office is there for counsel and for support, with opportunities for study and worship. All of which are an essential part of a generous and extravagant education.

This summer I received a copy of the alumni magazine from my *alma mater*, Drew University. Drew had just celebrated the inauguration of a new president. There was included in the magazine a manuscript of the inaugural address in which President Robert Weisbuch made the most profound observation. He said, "As the Jewish president of a Methodist-based university with a preponderance of Catholic undergraduates and an increasing number of Islamic students, I am here today to affirm that democratic education is the hope of the world, the only hope and nothing less." As I read those words, I thought about our mission here. Sweet Briar has as rich a tradition, and we are as religiously diverse a community. Between our Friday evening Torah Study and Shabbat Observance, the Open Door service on Sunday evenings, Catholic Mass on Monday evenings, and with programs to support the religious and dietary needs of our Muslim students, the Chaplain's Office is responding to the needs of a very religiously diverse community. It is almost poetic that the High Holy Days of two of the world's great religions have begun this weekend: Ramadan and Rosh Hashanah—a testimony to the diversity of our community. But more than merely providing opportunities for worship and piety, our goal here is to expand the conversation, to keep everyone talking to everyone else, to find our common ground, our common virtues, our common commitments, and our common humanity. That is the hope of the world, especially in a time when unchecked ideology is too often backed by guns and bombs. A generous and extravagant education is the vehicle to real lasting peace and global tranquility.

The question is: How do we pass on the legacy after having received a generous and extravagant education? The answer is to live in a generous way. We all have gifts: time, talents, treasure, wisdom, insight, empathy, concern, love, compassion. My prayer is that the spirit of generosity will grow in us; that we will share what we are, and who we are, with the world that needs so much of what we have to give. Let us be like living water to a thirsty world. Live generously and share extravagantly. Go out and make a difference.

*Amen.*

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# a student's perspective *On Homecoming*

ERIN ROGERS '08

## FROM TOP

Enjoying the Gala Celebration!  
L-r: Angelica Guarino '06;  
Natalie Pye '07; author  
Erin Rogers '08; Shaheen  
Moosa '07; Caitlin Cashin '07

"A Soldier's Tale",  
L-r: Ello Magruder, "Devil";  
Mark Magruder, "Soldier"



**A**s a member of the Alumnae Association Board's Student Relations Committee (SRC), it is particularly gratifying to hear fellow students and friends tell of how much they enjoyed Homecoming Weekend. Almost as soon as classes began, our team of students "hit the ground running" to ensure that this year's Homecoming Weekend would be an even greater success than Homecoming 2005. The SRC is a group of 15 students, representing each of the four classes at Sweet Briar, who work toward enhancing and strengthening relations between alumnae and students. For us, Homecoming brings a busy season.

Spirits were high during the **Pink and Green Parties** at The Farm House, campus home of Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, director of the Alumnae Association. Hosted by Linda DeVogt '86, president of the Alumnae Association, and the SRC, these dinner parties were held on two separate nights for the Pink

Team's sister classes of 2008 and 2010 and the Green Team's sister classes of 2007 and 2009. Not only did they serve as a great way for the sister classes to get together, they also provided a place reminiscent of home to gather with friends over some "fantastic food," in the words of Brandon Ayers Agnew '08. She added, "It was a great way to meet classmates in a setting outside the classroom." The Alumnae Office even gave the students pink and green pins with the text, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!" The team whose color is most represented by both alumnae and current students attending Homecoming wins a Pizza Party at The Farm House after Homecoming. The Pink Team won this year for the second time.

All of the weekend's publicized events were well attended by students. **Convocation** and the traditional **Founders' Day** ceremonies Friday afternoon gave a splendid start to a weekend celebrating the achievements of Sweet Briar and SBC alumnae and led to an evening of entertainment. Students were delighted by



the extraordinary experience of attending Igor Stravinsky's "**A Soldier's Tale**," staged in the Murchison Lane Auditorium of the Babcock Fine Arts Center. The theatrical work, which was presented by a number of dynamic professors, featured faculty actors William Kershner, Loretta Wittman, and John Goulde, as well as faculty dancers Ella and Mark Magruder and student Betty Skeen '07, joined with a chamber ensemble conducted by Dean Jonathan Green. Every aspect of the performance—music, dance, and spoken dialogue—was expressed with great vivacity and distinction.

Following that performance, many students and alumnae gathered in Prothro Dining Hall for *Reflections*, an alumnae panel discussion focusing on the traditions and life of the campus in years past. "I have to say that the **Traditions Panel** was one of my favorite parts of the weekend," stated Katie Beth Ryan '08. "It was great just to relax in Prothro and laugh along with the alums as they told hilarious stories from their times at Sweet Briar."

Another weekend highlight was the **Boxed Lunch Picnic** at the Boat House and the **Third Annual Engineering Program Cardboard Boat Regatta**, which jointly drew a significant crowd to the banks of the Sweet Briar Lake. One

attendee, Caroline Chappell '09 said, "This year was different from last year's regatta because we had an environmental team competing just for fun." A member of the "environmental cheer squad." Caroline noted that although the team's boat, the *SS Granola*, was only constructed for fun, they were able to make it to the finish line without sinking. "And it was also fun to dress up Dr. Alexander's [Environmental Studies] dog, 'Legend', as our mascot," she said.

School spirit continued through Saturday afternoon and Sunday for the **varsity and alumnae athletic games** at the soccer and field hockey fields. Tennis player Michelle Raymond '09 said, "I definitely enjoyed looking out into the crowd and seeing a vast array of pink and green. It was great having spectators from so many classes, both past and present. It really boosted the morale of the students on the court and field. The alumnae presence helped bring home a better sense of community to Sweet Briar athletics." At halftime during the Varsity Soccer Game on Saturday, an enthusiastic group of alumnae and students formed the number "87" for a colorful picture on the Babcock Athletic Field to celebrate 87% alumnae participation in *Our Campaign For Her World*.

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#### Alumnae/Student Sunday Hockey Game Lineup!

Back Row, L-r: Sally Old Kitchin '76; Alice Dixon '82; Bee Newman Thayer '61; Jennifer Crispin; Maria Kitchin '04; Julia Drake '06; Kimberly Gibson '05; Casey Perlow '02; Sue Knouse '05; Beth Farnsworth '05; Groce Farnsworth '04

Front Row, L-r: Michelle Badger '06; Misa Sormento '02; Ginger Tripp '05; Emily Pegues '00





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**Sophomores hurry to Convocation**

Saturday night was perhaps the greatest highlight of Homecoming 2006. **The Campaign Celebration Gala** was *the event* of the weekend most eagerly awaited by a majority of students, and definitely exceeded all expectations. Amanda Wisz '08 exclaimed, "I've never been to such a large-scale event. I really appreciated the fact that it was an event in which the students, alumnae, and faculty all could take part. It was an extraordinary experience to have such a large part of the Sweet Briar community in one place, for such an occasion." Caroline Chappell '09 felt that the Gala was very extravagant and beautifully done. "You could really tell that every detail of the event was planned seamlessly. The food was delicious and the band was delightful—it got everyone up on their feet."

Amanda Strickland '09, who works as a student assistant in the Alumnae Office said, "I loved helping out because I was able to see things develop from start to finish. The weekend overall was just fantastic. I think everyone who participated worked really hard, which is why everything went so well."

The weekend's events concluded with Sunday's **Thanksgiving Chapel Service** in the morning and **alumnae soccer and field hockey games** during the afternoon.

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## A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

CHERYL STEELE  
DEAN OF CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

**Homecoming 2006 was "the" event of the fall semester at Sweet Briar and was truly a community event from beginning to end.**



College offices across campus collaborated with outstanding effort to make this a special and memorable occasion. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend—students, faculty, staff, alumnae, friends of the College—and parents (some were able to come to campus to be a part of the festivities!). All aspects of the College were featured through a wide range of activities including academic achievement, artistic talent, athletic competition,

musical and dance performances, student leadership, and so much more.

Homecoming is an annual event celebrating the past and present at Sweet Briar. This year was a special celebration of the very successful completion of **Our Campaign For Her World**. The weekend's schedule of events modeled and reflected the collective nature of Sweet Briar and the value that each area—and each person, both current and past members—brings to the overall educational experience. It was a celebration of the resources made possible by campaign gifts to the College that enhance the academic programs, support the faculty, assist with financial aid resources, and improve campus activities and student life programs.

It is your daughters for whom the total educational experience is intended. Events like Homecoming provide a key opportunity to remind us of what makes Sweet Briar the inclusive and unique community it is. It was a treat to watch students enjoying the weekend with their parents—families spending time on campus participating in the life of the College together, experiencing the special nature of this place. As a new member of the community and first-time participant in the activities and festivities, I experienced the living and vibrant Sweet Briar that I had heard about through conversations and stories and read about in the beautiful College publications.

This year's Homecoming will be a hard act to follow, but I am inspired to make next year's as memorable, and I am optimistic that others will be similarly motivated. Mark those calendars for September 2007 and "come home"!



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Arriving guests at "Welcome to Gala Night" table

President Muhlenfeld welcomes Gala crowd

BOD Chairman Ginger Upchurch Collier '72: "Campaign A Success!"

Applause for Ivana Pelnar Zaika, VP for Development through completion of campaign



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**SMALL PHOTOS - CLOTH WISE**

**Dean Jonathan Green, wife Lynn Buck**

**L-r: Professors John Gregory Brown, Carrie Brown (English, Creative Writing)**

**Michela English '71, former BOD Chairman; husband Rob Quartel**

**L-r: Dean of Admissions Ken Huus; Varsity Volleyball Coach Beth Huus**



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**2009's, L-r: Natalie Renaldo; Mary Pat Jones; Megan Bherle; Kathryn Brock; Brook Schulze**



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**Class of 2006 graduated in May, returned in force for Gala in September!**

**GROUP PHOTOS FROM TOP:**

**L-r: Ann Morrison Reams '42, former Alumnae Association director; Louise Swiecki Zingaro, Alumnae Association director; Scott Zingaro**  
**L-r: Matha Mansfield Clement '48; Pam Whittaker; Mark Whittaker, former director of development**





# **SMALL PHOTOS: COUCH POTATOES**

**Professor Karl Tamburr (English)**

**L-r: Alison Sims '09; Kathryn Davilli '09**

**Heidi Hansen McCrory, VP for Development; husband Bill**

**L-r: Braake Helburn '06; Jessica Hapson '07; Heather Wright '05; Victoria Chappell '06; Suzanne Horvey '06**

**L-r: Maurice Davis, Housekeeping; wife Berlina**



**BIG BAND! Led by SBC's John McClenon, Charles A. Dana Professor of Chemistry Emeritus**



**Back row, L-r: Caitlin Ashley '07; Elsa Mittelhaltz '07; Jennifer Wolf '07; Maggie Saylor '07; Angelica Guarina '06. Front row L-r: Natalie Pye '07; Laura Schaefer '07; Rachel Reynolds '07**

**2007 Class Members**

**Everyone danced—and rested!**



# campaign gifts *at work*

HEIDI HANSEN MCCRORY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Homecoming Picnic at the Studio Arts Barn



The impact of *Our Campaign For Her World* is visible across the Sweet Briar campus in every conceivable way. The results of the campaign: outstanding faculty teaching engaged students in the classroom, improved and new facilities, expanded scholarships to ensure the Sweet Briar experience for all interested students, new academic programs and initiatives, and an even stronger tradition of philanthropy at the College.

## PLACE

- Constructed the new Student Commons: new Prothro Dining Hall, Josey Dining Room, Johnson Dining Room, Burnett Dining Room, Crichton Student Government Suite, and the Grones Terrace
- In the ongoing initiative to create an Arts Farm at the site of the old dairy, renovated a second barn into an architecturally breathtaking Studio Arts Barn
- Renovated the old Water Plant (built in 1907), now reborn as the Environmental Education and Nature Center
- Created ten funds dedicated to preserving the College's historic physical heritage and to maintaining its facilities
- Funded nearly half of amount needed for the construction of a new Fitness and Athletics Center and renovated the Daisy Williams Gymnasium

## STUDENTS

- Established 32 new endowed scholarship funds to help make the Sweet Briar experience available to a broader population of students
- Established three funds to support students in a variety of programs

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Created new fund to encourage intense student-faculty interaction through research
- Endowed six funds to support faculty development through scholarship and research
- Established two endowed professorships to benefit future generations of students
- Funded future improvements and renovations for the Mary Helen Cochran Library: Powell Reading Room: Smith Technology Center
- Created two funds for library resources and technology endowment to ensure students and faculty are prepared to meet the challenges of a technologically advanced world with the full breadth of available resources
- Provided important early/ongoing support for several of the College's newest majors and initiatives: Environmental Studies, Engineering, Economics and Business, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Center for Civic Renewal

# Friends Of Athletics Inaugural Hall Of Fame Brunch

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

JENNIFER CRISPEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

**T**he Sweet Briar College Athletics Hall of Fame honors special achievements by alumnae and others who have been associated with athletics at the College. These individuals have helped bring recognition, honor, distinction, and excellence to Sweet Briar College and the intercollegiate athletics program.

The Charter Class spans multiple decades and establishes the standard for future honorees.

Inductees for 2006 are:

Professor Emerita Harriet Howell Rogers\*

Ann *Samford* Upchurch '48\*

Professor Emerita Katherine "Kay" Macdonald

Anna "Chips" *Chao* Pai '57

Mildred "Bee" *Newman* Thayer '61

Mary Jane *Schroder* Oliver Hubbard '62

Lendon F. Gray '71

Cannie *Crysler* Shafer '78

Katherine "Katie" Hearn '85

\* DECEASED

## PROFESSOR EMERITA HARRIET HOWELL ROGERS\*

On the hockey field, in the Daisy Williams Gymnasium, in the riding ring, and in later years, on the Winton Golf Course, Sweet Briar students came to know a woman of integrity, honesty, absolute fairness, and above all, a person who cherished academic excellence.

A Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude* graduate of Mount Holyoke, Harriet Rogers came to Sweet Briar in 1924 and taught for 39 years, retiring in 1963. **It was she who encouraged students to raise money for the gymnasium built in 1931, who promoted the building of the first indoor riding ring at Sweet Briar, the Outing Cabin and the Boat House, and developed the College's riding program.** An expert horsewoman even by the exacting standards of her native

Kentucky, she established a systematic program of instruction at Sweet Briar which became nationally recognized in equestrian and physical education circles.

Shelby French, associate professor, and director of the Riding Program, cited Harriet's contributions to field hockey, riding and pedagogy, saying, **"I cannot think of anyone who has had a greater impact on the overall athletic program at Sweet Briar."** According to Shelby, Harriet "initiated the first horse show at Sweet Briar and was responsible for the establishment of the annual ANRC Instructional Clinics and Rating Centers that are still held each year in May."

Field hockey also claimed much of her time; she was instrumental in establishing it as a premiere sport for women in Virginia colleges. In the 1950s she was one of three United States delegates at the International Field Hockey Federation meeting in England, and in 1952, she chaired the National Field Hockey Association Tournament held at Sweet Briar. She was responsible for bringing an international slate of clinicians to the College, including Constance Applebee, considered the founder of U.S. field hockey. At one time, Harriet Rogers had 27 intramural teams on a campus with an enrollment of 500.



Professor Emerita Harriet Howell Rogers



Ann Samford Upchurch '48

**ANN SAMFORD UPCHURCH '48\***

Ann Samford Upchurch was a consummate athlete and devoted member of the Sweet Briar community. A three-time Alabama State Golf Champion (1946, 1956, 1963), she won her first of three state titles at age 19 as a Sweet Briar College sophomore. Ann is the youngest champion ever, and the first to win titles in each of the three decades.

At Sweet Briar, she played varsity tennis, was vice president of the Athletic Association, and was involved with the Outing Cabin and the Lake Council. After graduation, she continued her association and support of the College, serving a term on the Board of Overseers. In 1993, she donated the funds for the Samuel E. Upchurch Wing of the Connie M. Guion Science Center in honor of her late husband. She was named Sweet Briar's Outstanding Alumna that same year.

The golf titles won, tournaments directed, committees served on are endless, but several stand out. Ann was president of the Alabama Women's Golf Association, the Women's Southern Golf Association, the Western Golf Association, and was a founder of the Birmingham Women's Golf Association. She served on the Women's Committee of the LPGA, was chair of the Western Women's Golf Association Rules Committee for 20 years, and was devoted to junior golf nationwide. Her own words probably explain this last passion. "[Golf] is the ultimate game of personal integrity. Golf has taught me more about dealing with other people and about dealing with myself. For the short term, you might be able to cheat for the moment and get by, but if you have any kind of personal ethic at all, you can't sleep at night afterward. Proper behavior in golf is living the golden rule."

Ann is a member of the Birmingham Golf Association Hall of Fame, and in 1985 was the first recipient of the LBGA Leadership and Achievement Award.

Moving on to yet another version of playing in the grass, she was for years one of the premiere breeders of Santa Gertrudis cattle in Alabama. Her efforts resulted in her being selected for the Alabama Livestock Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor. She passed away in 1996 after a valiant battle with cancer.

**PROFESSOR EMERITA  
KATHERINE "KAY"  
MACDONALD**

In 1949, Kay Macdonald, began the first of 34 years of service to Sweet Briar College. A 1944 graduate of the Bouvé-Boston School of Physical Education and Tufts University, she received an M.A. from the State University of Iowa. Her love of physical education instruction, and her passion for communicating that to her students was immediately evident. She loved the outdoors and was a longtime member of the Appalachian Trail Club; Kay and SBC students were loyal caretakers of their section of the Trail for years. Her dedication earned her the A.T.C. Golden Shovel Award.

Kay was a coach as well, training Sweet Briar students in hockey, tennis and golf. She was committed to bringing hockey to the public schools of Virginia, and using equipment borrowed from the U.S. Field Hockey Association, did just that. She held a number of offices in Virginia and U.S.

hockey, including the Southeast Executive Committee and the IFWHA Tournament in 1963. She was a Sectional Umpire and was involved in team selection for many years and played for 20 years for the infamous Campus Characters at SBC!

Kay spent much of her time improving her ability to teach and coach, attending countless golf clinics and the Van der Meer Tennis University. She had a strong interest in Laban, and movement as well. Her professional involvement in state and national physical education organizations was important to her, and she brought back tips and ideas about pedagogy to her Sweet Briar staff. She chaired the department for a number of years and was active in advising and campus committees. In the spring of 1989, the *Alumnae Magazine* described her as **"a doer in the most energetic and positive sense of the word."**

Born in 1922 in Putnam, Connecticut, Kay is now living in her beloved Maine.



Professor Emerita Katherine "Kay" Macdonald



Anna "Chips" Chao Pai '57

### ANNA "CHIPS" CHAO PAI '57

Chips Chao Pai graduated from Sweet Briar in 1957, received an M.A. from Bryn Mawr College, and a Ph.D. in genetics from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She began teaching at Montclair State College part-time in 1969, becoming a full-time faculty member in 1972. She created courses in genetics and embryology at both the undergraduate and graduate level, retiring in 1997 as Professor Emerita of Biology. She was instrumental in the development of the University Honors Program and the Interdepartmental Honors Seminar, so it was natural that as a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Trustees she was committed to seeing both the Honors Program and the B.S. degree developed at SBC as well. In 1994, Chips received Sweet Briar's Distinguished Alumna Award.

Sports have always been an important part of her life: "Growing up as a child and an immigrant during the Second World War, we wandered up and down the East Coast before settling in New York City. **Being an Asian during WW II in this country was not a pleasant experience; foreigners were more of a curiosity, and sports were my entry to acceptance by my schoolmates.**"

At Sweet Briar, she played hockey, basketball, softball and lacrosse. She remembers being introduced to hockey, a new game for her, and meeting Constance Applebee, the founder of U.S. hockey. Applebee chastised the varsity with her legendary sarcasm, "Move, move! What are you, three-legged stools?"

After Sweet Briar, Chips represented Livingston, NJ on its AAU power volleyball team, the Green Streaks, winning a regional championship, and playing in the AAU Nationals. Most of her teammates were high school students, and rather than calling her Anna, or Mrs. Pai, they settled on Anna Pai. Girls still in touch with her call her Anna Pai to this day. In softball, she convinced the women in the league to successfully petition for better fields to play on. She won several recreational softball titles, but today is limited by age and arthritis to golf, where she continues her success. In 2004, she won the Senior Women's Club Championship at the Montclair Golf Club.

Chips is married to David Pai, a retired engineer. They have two sons, Ben and Mike, both married; two grandchildren, and a third due in November.

### MILDRED "BEE" NEWMAN THAYER '61

Bee Newman Thayer was born in New York on Sept. 24, 1939. Her sister Ginger and her niece Trista are both SBC alumnae, and a second niece, Meredith, is a sophomore.

As a child, Bee had several illnesses, including polio, but fought back to have a healthy active life. **She always has loved the outdoors, and considered herself a tomboy, playing touch football, basketball, baseball and climbing trees with the neighborhood kids.** She played tennis, swam and rode horses, both in New Jersey and at the family farm in Amherst, VA.

Bee attended Kent Place School, where she played field hockey, basketball, baseball and tennis, and in 1957 entered Sweet Briar. She describes "the rolling hills, the athletic programs, and a wonderful biology department that offered a major" and has fond memories of her teachers, including Jane Belcher, Elizabeth Sprague and Miriam Bennett. Harriet Rogers and Kay Macdonald were her coaches in hockey, basketball, tennis, and baseball. She remembers student government, long labs and her time in the library as requiring her to balance her time more efficiently. Especially memorable were the tennis trips to the Homestead to compete against Hollins on the clay courts.

Bee recalls working hard on stick work and drills in hockey practice. She says she can still hear Miss Rogers saying, "Newman, keep your stick down, and on the ball, then pass!"

After graduation in 1961 and a summer trip to Europe, she started a job at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons as a research assistant. In 1963, she married Brad Thayer; they have three children, Emily, Bill and Chris, and five grandchildren. Their active lives included tennis, swimming, hiking, canoeing, skiing, and a new love, golf.

Bee has continued her commitment to Kent Place and to Sweet Briar, and just completed a stint on Sweet Briar's Board of Directors. In January 2006, her "cranky knee" was replaced with titanium. She says it is working quite well and she is optimistic!



Mildred "Bee" Newman Thayer '61



## MARY JANE SCHRODER OLIVER HUBBARD '62

After graduating from Sweet Briar, Mary Jane *Schroder* Oliver Hubbard returned to her hometown near Philadelphia for one year before returning to campus as the wife of Studio Art Professor, Loren Oliver. Being part of the Sweet Briar Community once more allowed her to become a member of the notorious hockey team, "the Campus Characters," which was made up of many of the area hockey coaches, continuing her participation in hockey games and tournaments for a number of years. **She served as a sabbatical replacement for Judy McMoran as lacrosse coach, and participated in lacrosse tournaments to allow Virginia to be represented in the National Tournaments.** She assisted Jennifer Crispen with lacrosse and says it was fun to come out of retirement once again.

Over the years Mary Jane has continued the art that has always been her main focus. She gave a "gallery discussion" of her art for the Athletic Association, drawing a parallel between the kinesthetic qualities that she captures with what she has always experienced in sports, whether swimming on the curl of a wave or flying down the lacrosse field to score a goal. She taught art to varying age groups, and is now delighted to be in her studio full-time.

Now Mary Jane's field sports are confined to watching her son Jasper's James River Day School soccer and lacrosse teams compete. She taught him to play lacrosse, but when he joined his school team, he had to put aside all that "skill and finesse" of women's lacrosse and learn to take the "hard knocks" of the men's game. She boasts that "the



**Mary Jane Schroder Oliver  
Hubbard '62**

James River Team had never won until Jasper began coaching and, glory, glory, he began a girls' team, too, which is doing great things. Baby Loren Oliver III, now nine months old, may one day carry on this family tradition."

Mary Jane's husband Loren "of 35 wonderful years" passed away in 1998. Today, she is enjoying life with new husband James Hubbard, who before they married, introduced her to bicycling.

## LENDON F. GRAY '71

After graduating from Sweet Briar in 1971, Lendon Gray returned several years later to serve as an instructor in the Riding Program for three years. At that time she was short-listed for the U.S. Olympic Eventing Team. Ultimately at age 27, she switched to dressage as her primary riding discipline. She has been described as a remarkable rider and trainer who has parlayed years of hard work, an indomitable spirit and a large talent into a spot at the top of the dressage world.

Lendon has won more than 15 national championships and was a member of the USET's 1980 and 1984 Olympic Dressage Teams. Although she rode warm bloods in her two Olympics, the World Championships and the World Cup, her ponies held a special place in her heart, proving to the world that bigger isn't necessarily better. This experience also gave her direction to encourage those without the fanciest horses, trainers or greatest opportunities. Now while running Gleneden Dressage, a stable with 52 horses under her supervision, Lendon is extremely active with the USET, AHSA, and USDF. In recent years, she has taken a new direction, dedicating her years of experience and success in the dressage world to helping others follow in her footsteps. Her very popular book, *Lessons with Lendon* makes dressage seem much less intimidating.

Since 1999 she has been the driving force behind Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival (formerly known as the Northeast Junior/Young Rider Championships) in Saugerties, NY. The goal is to see youngsters rewarded for more than riding trained horses. The competition has three equal parts: written tests, a group equitation class and dressage test with multiple levels. There are other events,

demonstrations and contests. Each year numbers of foreign teams and individuals compete on borrowed horses. Generous sponsors donate awards that have included saddles, equipment and training opportunities in the United States and Europe. The fun draws judges and volunteers.

Lendon has served as chair of Sweet Briar's Visiting Committee for Riding, helping plan the program's growth while protecting its heritage. Director Shelby French says, "**She exemplifies the**



**Lendon F. Gray '71**

**Sweet Briar woman, with a remarkable career in the horse world as a rider, competitor, author, instructor, trainer, coach and mentor.** She has dedicated her life to her sport and to making it accessible, affordable and approachable to all interested participants."



**Cannie Crysler Shafer '78**

### **CANNIE CRYSLER SHAFER '78**

It is no accident that in 1978 Cannie Crysler Shafer was the first recipient of the athletic award that bears her name. The Crysler Award is one of Sweet Briar's most prestigious, honoring a senior four-year athlete who demonstrates athletic achievement, service to sport and sportsmanship. She graduated with a student resumé that would be the envy of students today. An art history major, she was a four-year letter winner in hockey, basketball and lacrosse, a Q.V., an Ass. vice president of SGA, Athletic Association officer, a Strategic Planning Committee member, and Admissions Guide.

Cannie, who lives in Haverford, PA., is head of Lower School at The Episcopal Academy in Merion, PA. **She has coached every sport and level imaginable, including varsity girls' hockey and lacrosse, JV girls' and boys' basketball.** She says, "My SBC sports experience was built on a foundation I was given as a child at the Shipley School and finished shaping me. Not only did I love playing, but the whole way I think and operate

as a school administrator is as if I am still on a team." She and husband Edwin "Win" Shafer, co-direct Camp Susquehannock, a residential summer camp founded by Win's grandfather. They have two children, Francie, rowing for Northeastern University, and Blake, who attends the Episcopal Academy. The Shafers hike, ski, golf and play squash.

Among memories of her SBC experiences are that the uniforms freshman year were absolutely hideous. Because there was very little budget for them, the coach's mother made lime green, pointy-collared polyester shirts! Cannie recalls, "We were warned to take good care of them and at the very first Blue Ridge Tournament, I had to wash mine and left it on the radiator to dry and when I found it later, it was melted onto the radiator. I spent the rest of the season keeping Coach Hagen from ever seeing my back! Despite rules and requests, I did learn NOT to return my warm ups because I had been warned by upperclassmen that if you did, there might not be enough to go around next season."

### **KATHERINE "KATIE" HEARN '85**

Katie Hearn graduated from Sweet Briar in 1985 with a major in anthropology, and from the University of Baltimore with a J.D. in 1992. She was a two-time All-American in lacrosse and was twice Conference Player of the Year. In the 1980s, she held the Division III national scoring record in career points per game (6.00). She was second in goals in a single game (11 vs. Mary Washington), sixth in career goals (216), 18th in career assists (66), and sixth in career points (282), and received the Crysler Award in 1985. She was also an outstanding rider at the College.

Associate Professor and longtime lacrosse coach Jennifer Crispin said of her, "Katie is without a doubt the toughest lacrosse player I have ever coached. There is no surrender in Katie Hearn." Lacrosse coach and fellow SBC team member Missy Ackerman '87, said, **"During the period she played, Katie led her team to the College's all-time winning percentages and highest national ranking (#12)."**



**Katherine "Katie" Hearn '85**

After several years as a practicing attorney in the Baltimore area, Katie joined Struever Brothers, Eccles & Rouse in 1995. As development director, she oversaw the redevelopment of the historic Oella in Ellicott City, the Can Company in Canton and Clipper Mill, a mixed-use community in Baltimore City in Maryland, and the Ships Tavern District in Wilmington, Delaware.

In her present position as director of leasing, Katie manages all commercial leasing in the company portfolio

including Harbor Point, Harbor East, Brewers Hill, Clipper Mill, Tide Point, the Can Company, and the Foundry on Fort in Baltimore; American Locomotive, Rising Sun Mills, Calendar Mills, and the Dynamo House in Providence, RI., and the American Tobacco Historic District in Durham, NC.

She serves on the boards of the Greater Baltimore Technology Council, Baltimore Heritage, the Sweet Briar College Friends of Athletics, the State of Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council, and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baltimore's Friends School.

In January 2006, Katie was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Greater Baltimore Chapter.

## Sweet Briar ROSES In Full Bloom College Inaugurates New Staff Excellence Awards

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, COLLEGE RELATIONS STAFF WRITER

Housekeeping Superintendent Jerry Allen listened attentively as President Muhlenfeld introduced the inaugural Sweet Briar ROSE Awards during the third annual all-campus luncheon held August 17, 2006.

Nudging the guy next to him, he whispered, "Man, I'd like to win that but I know I never would."

Moments later he was standing next to President Muhlenfeld, a \$500 check in hand, which he need share only with his wife for their upcoming 35th anniversary—the College took care of Uncle Sam's portion of the bonus.

Jerry Allen came to Sweet Briar in 1992 as a housekeeper. He was promoted in 1998 to superintendent and clearly has earned the admiration of his employees. Several of them nominated him for the ROSE Award for Excellence as a Team Member, citing his respectfulness and willingness to work with others.

"It made me feel great that people recognize it," Jerry said. "It also reflects on the kind of people I have working for me."

Three ROSE—or Recognition of Staff Excellence—Awards (thank Associate Dean of Co-Curricular Life Kelly Kraft-Meyer for the clever acronym) were presented at the luncheon, minting a new tradition that satisfies the Senior Staff's long-held desire to officially acknowledge the efforts of the College's staff. Although the students give out a Staff Excellence Award each year, the ROSE Awards allow employees to recognize each other.

To be eligible, a staff member must be employed by the College for at least a year, and must be nominated by a co-worker, with the support of the nominee's supervisor. The three award categories are excellence as a team member, excellence in service, and making a difference through a bright idea. The Bright Idea Award goes to an employee who saves costs, gains efficiency, or improves customer service, learning environment, or external and

internal relations through a suggestion or innovation.

Each comes with a \$500, tax-paid bonus. A plaque is being developed that will bear recipients' names and will be displayed on campus.

Gloria Higginbotham was equally unprepared to hear her name called for the Excellence in Service Award, which recognizes service to internal and external customers. "I've been so busy with the campaign, I really hadn't given it much thought. It's a nice gesture and the cash donation is good," she said. "I believe it will give people the incentive to work harder."

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### FROM TOP

Jerry Allen won the ROSE Award for Excellence as a Team Member. Gloria Higginbotham won the ROSE Award for Excellence in Service. Pat Clements took home the "Bright Idea" Award.



Photos by Suzanne Ramsey

Donation? A Freudian slip suggesting work is never far from her mind? Gloria has worked in the Development Office since 1974, and serves as office manager and development associate.

The award was no surprise to anybody who's been around Sweet Briar for even a short time. Gloria's colleagues wrote that she is an "unlimited source of knowledge, facts and figures, and is selfless and dedicated." Indeed, almost daily one might hear, "Ask Gloria, she'll know."

Mechanic Pat Clements' reincarnation of two old, worn-out vehicles into a functioning compactor trash truck painted to look like new earned him the Bright Idea Award. Pat, who came to Sweet Briar in 1994 as a plumber and transferred to the garage in 2004, is revered for his resourcefulness.

"I've seen him fabricate tools and parts to keep old worn equipment functioning," wrote the co-worker who nominated him. "His effort with that project saved the College a lot of money."

Before presenting the awards, President Muhlenfeld opened the all-campus luncheon by recapping an eventful past academic year. 2005-06 saw the implementation of the new student team advisory system, completion of *Our Campaign For Her World*, the hiring of Dean of Co-Curricular Life Cheryl Steele, and the introduction of Sweet Briar's first Homecoming Weekend.

The College also "continued our upward enrollment and completed the Arts Barn, all while staying on course with our financial plan," she said.

Admissions Dean Ken Huus iced the cake in his remarks. Sweet Briar increased enrollment by 40 percent over the past three years while becoming more selective in admissions and giving less financial aid, he noted. "Not many colleges do those three things simultaneously."



## HAPPY 101<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY, EMILY JONES HODGE '27!

*Emily celebrated her 101st birthday Friday, January 26th at her home in Wilmington, DE.*

*Emily "constantly speaks of Sweet Briar, likes to look through her yearbooks, and still sings the song." Paula Kirkland '06, Alumnae Staff, spoke with Emily by telephone; Emily sent good wishes to the Sweet Briar family.*

## Six Alumnae Perform in the Netherlands

Six SBC alumnae were among the dancers performing at the 10th Dance and The Child (daCi, a UNESCO organization) International Conference at The Hague in the Netherlands July 2-8, 2006.

Dance educators and performers gathered for the week-long conference which featured the alumnae group performing with two children from the SBC Afterschool Dance Program and Professor of Dance Ella Magruder in her dance "To the Winds", an intergenerational performance.

Dancers from 16 countries gathered for the event which included lectures, workshops, and performances.

**R-L standing: Gene King Leyden '67; Jan Jennings '05; Professor Ella Hanson Magruder '75; Ann Green Gilbert '69. Seated: Casey Poore '05; Samantha Angus '05**



## thanks to alumnae volunteers everywhere!

Loyal alumnae volunteer time and service to SBC in many ways. Special thanks are due to those who respond to requests from the Alumnae Office to represent Sweet Briar at inaugurations of college and university presidents across the nation when a campus representative cannot be present. Many have assumed this role. Since Spring 2004, 17 have donned academic regalia (loaned by SBC) to participate in these formal occasions.

### INAUGURATION, DATE, REPRESENTATIVE

University of Puget Sound, Apr. '04

Susan Day Dean '58, Tacoma, WA

Chowan College, Sept. '04

Ellie Garner-Rhodes '80, Murfreesboro, NC

University of Florida, Sept. '04

Dana R. Woodbury '98, Gainesville, FL

Duke University, Sept. '04

Sandra G. Herring '74, Durham, NC

Middlebury College, Oct. '04

Mariah L. McGill '02, Middlebury, CT

Roanoke College, Oct. '04

Fran McClung Ferguson '80, Salem, VA

Trinity College, Oct. '04

Margaret Davis Molander '69, Hartford, CT

Birmingham-Southern College, Dec. '04

Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter '86, Birmingham, AL

Lebanon Valley College, Apr. '05

Desiree Anne Petrus, Esq. '86, Annville, PA

Wake Forest University, Oct. '05

Brandon Holland '96, Winston-Salem, NC

Carlow University, Oct. '05

Nancy Gillies '64, Charlottesville, VA

Lipscomb College, Mar. '06

Elizabeth Lindsey '86, Nashville, TN

William & Mary College, Apr. '06

Lynne Gardner Detmer '68, Williamsburg, VA

UVA/Wise, Apr. '06

Sheena Belcher '05, Sweet Briar, VA

Converse College, Apr. '06

Elizabeth Belser Kister '88, Spartanburg, SC

University of Mary Washington, Sept. '06

Florence Rowe Barrick '80, Fredericksburg, VA

Randolph-Macon College, Oct. '06

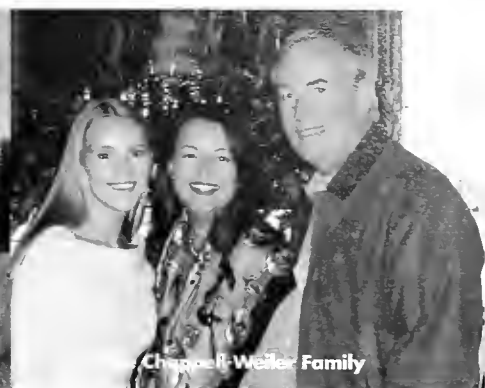
Sandra A. Taylor '74, Ashland, VA



The Vermilya family



The Balderston Family



Chappell-Weiler Family

## Legacies Thrive in the Annual Fund

Legacy families abound in the Sweet Briar community. Many families have multiple alumnae in their heritage—grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, cousins, great-aunts, and even great-great-aunts. All are dedicated to continuing the Sweet Briar Experience for their own daughters and for other young women who enter in the future. They do so by volunteering for the Annual Fund.

Here are a few snapshots of alumnae volunteers in the Sweet Briar continuum.

Current student Emily Vermilya '08 has many Sweet Briar relatives, including Elizabeth *Shwab* Tate, who attended the Academy, and great-aunt Elizabeth *Shwab* Stephen '60. Elizabeth Stephen has two alumnae cousins, Lois *Wolfe* Shwab '63 and Marie (Patsey) *Carney* Reed '62.

Emily's parents, George and Dea Vermilya, are third-year members of the Parent Steering Committee. George and Dea knew they wanted Emily to attend Sweet Briar the minute they stepped onto the campus, but Emily was determined to make her own decision on this all-important choice. George was convinced Sweet Briar was out of the running. After visiting many schools, Emily agreed to at least visit Sweet Briar. Then, in a moment of which every parent dreams, Emily sat her dad down and said, "I want you to listen very carefully because you are not going to hear this from me very often in your lifetime. You were right. I love Sweet Briar."

Emily enrolled and George and Dea have been involved in their own Sweet Briar Experience right alongside her. Their dedication to the College is contagious as they share it with fellow families, encouraging them to be a part of the support system. The Vermilyas are cornerstones in the success of the Annual Fund.

Wendy Weiler '71 and Donald Chappell are the proud parents of Caroline Chappell '09, who will be the fifth member of the family to join the alumnae ranks. Wendy's sisters, Patricia *Weiler* Theiss '76 and Pamela *Weiler* Colling '79 are alumnae, and Wendy's niece, Victoria Chappell '06, is the most recent graduate in the family.

Wendy's level of devotion to Sweet Briar is deep and diverse. Not only is she a volunteer for the Friends of Art, she is a dedicated supporter of the Annual Fund. Last year for her 35th reunion she co-chaired the Reunion Gift Committee and 1971 won the Centennial Award, which recognizes the class with the largest contribution to Sweet Briar, in all funds, in the five years since the last Reunion. The total was a phenomenal \$2,635,546. This year Wendy is focusing her support of the Annual Fund by volunteering with Donald on the Parent Steering Committee.

Ann "Workado" *Works* Balderston '76 now has the pleasure of saying that her daughter Sarah '09 is attending her alma mater. Sarah transferred to Sweet Briar after a year at another college. She concluded that maybe her mother was right about Sweet Briar after all: she came to campus in August and is so glad she did. Sarah got involved in Annual Fund work this fall as an SBC Phonathon student caller, and loves it. She is enjoying her Sweet Briar experience so much that she is trying to persuade younger sister Maggie to apply. Ann, delighted that Sarah is having the grand experience she knew was possible, is complementing it by serving with her husband Biv as an Annual Fund volunteer on the Parent Steering Committee. Hard work and dedication run in the family and the legacy continues.

Many thanks are owed to these volunteers for their continued support of Sweet Briar College through the Annual Fund. They keep the programs running, the students learning, and the faculty teaching. Because of their time, energy, and commitment, traditions are able to continue for their daughters and for the students of tomorrow.





Students seek answers!

# Alumnae Participate in Career Services Event

KRISTIN DANE EWING, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CAREER SERVICES CENTER

Many alumnae logically may believe that the only way to stay connected to their *alma mater* is through the Alumnae or Development Offices or by participating in Alumnae Club events and returning for Homecoming. However, five alumnae prove that when it comes to staying connected to the Sweet Briar community, the opportunities are endless.

Wednesday, October 25th, 2006, 12 individuals sat on a Government and International Careers Event Panel sponsored by the SBC Career Services Center to help current students learn about the many career and internship opportunities that await them. Occupations represented varied greatly from the U.S. Department of State to the International Republican Institute to the Office of Personnel Management and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Panelist Anita Allen Spinner '00, Human Capital Officer for the Office of Personnel Management notes, "I returned to SBC because I enjoy sharing information with the students as they make career decisions. In addition, I always appreciated the SBC alumnae who helped me in my career and want to do the same for others."

Katie Gjeldum '02, Coordinator, Women's Democracy Network, International Republican Institute had similar reasons for attending stating: "I came back to Sweet Briar this year to participate in the International Affairs/Government Career Panel mainly because of the role this event played for me in 2002 when I was exploring different career options for my major. For the first time, I heard someone talk about her experience in the Peace Corps and knew instantly this was an experience that I too wanted to have—a job that perfectly matched my interest in international affairs, love for travel and languages, and desire to 'give back.' Having since finished my stint in the Peace Corps and started a career, I was grateful for the opportunity this event afforded me to have an

impact on someone else who is considering next steps."

Anita, Katie and the other panelists spoke to a room filled with 45 eager students, as well as many faculty and staff members, on such topics as networking, filling out tedious government applications and learning the government pay scale, as well as what students should be doing now to be marketable for a position in the future.

This event was the sixth annual Government International Careers Panel at Sweet Briar. Wayne Stark, Director of the Career Services Center, created this event in 2001 to develop relationships between students, alumnae, members of the community, and faculty and staff and to provide an environment focused on collaborating to help foster student success. Carolyn Brazill, Coordinator of Campus Student Employment Office Manager, also was an essential part of the evening. Carolyn helped send out invitations, promote the event and find housing arrangements for the panelists (Anita noted

### *Additional panelists included:*

- Steve Brogow, Associate Professor of Government
- Tiffany Cummings, Director, International Studies
- Steve Eisenbraun, Editor-in-Chief, Country Reports on Human Rights
- Marjette Gloss, Business Relations Manager, Office of Economic Development, City of Lynchburg
- Mid-Atlantic Recruiter, Central Intelligence Agency (Name withheld due to security issue)
- George Sontulli, Senior Producer/Director, U.S. State Department
- Alison Stockdale '00, Security Specialist, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Jozonne Summerville '04, Naval Cost Analyst, Naval Sea Systems Command
- Rodney Taylor, County Administrator, County of Amherst



Photos by Jennifer McMoneray College Relations Office

that one of the best parts of the evening was getting to reconnect with Carolyn!).

Following the panel, students were given the opportunity to interact directly with the panelists and ask questions one-on-one. Many business cards were exchanged! In the future, alumnae will be involved with such Career Services events as the Natural Sciences and Environment Careers Event, the Educational Career Fair and the Commerce Event in the spring. For more information about SBC Career Services and ways alumnae can get involved, visit: [www.cel.sbc.edu/esc](http://www.cel.sbc.edu/esc).

### *Have an internship opportunity that would be great for a current sbc student?*

A quality internship is any carefully monitored work or service experience in which an individual has intentional learning goals and reflects actively on what he or she is learning throughout the experience. The experience can occur at any time; however, most internships are done during the summer.

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**Colleen Karaffa '06**

## Colleen Karaffa '06 Joins SBC Alumnae Office Staff

LOUISE SWIECKI ZINGARO '80  
DIRECTOR, ALUMNAE  
ASSOCIATION

It is a pleasure to announce that Colleen Karaffa, a PBK graduate, English and Creative Writing major at Sweet Briar, began work in the Alumnae Office as an Assistant Director on November 15, 2006.

She spent Junior Year Abroad at St. Andrews University, Scotland and as a senior was Editor-in-Chief of *Red Clay*, SBC's literary magazine. She received the Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English at Commencement 2006.

Colleen's responsibilities include serving as Assistant Editor/Class Notes Editor for the *Alumnae Magazine* and work with Reunion and with Alumnae Clubs in Regions Six and Seven.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Colleen to the Alumnae Staff.

## Garry Buttner: New Director of Major and Planned Gifts

HEIDI MCCRORY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

I'm delighted to announce the appointment of Garry Buttner as our new Director of Major and Planned Gifts. Garry most recently worked as Interim Executive Director and Associate Vice President for the Virginia Engineering Foundation that supports the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia. While there he led the development activities of the foundation including the major gifts, annual fund, and communications programs. During his tenure at UVA he secured the lead gift for the Information Technology Engineering building and two new faculty chairs. Prior to UVA, he has had an extensive career in sales and marketing for General Electric and the Genicom Corporation, and served as a Financial Advisor for Cigna Individual Financial Services. He earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Union College and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Garry joined us on November 1. He and his wife Linda live in Charlottesville and they have two adult daughters.



**Garry Buttner**



Dr. Virginia "Ginger" Upchurch Collier '72 (l) and Dr. Ann Gateley '70 enjoyed time together in Albuquerque while Ginger was there as a speaker at the meeting of the New Mexico Chapter of the ACP. Ann is residency program director in internal medicine at the University of New Mexico.

Seven alumnae gathered for the August, 2006 wedding of Polly Taggard Taylor's son Peter Taylor and Anne Galbreath '90 on Orr's Island, ME. L-r: Jamie Del Monte Galbreath '92; Sandy La Staiti Sylvia '59; Jini Jones Vail '59; Anne Galbreath Taylor '90; Polly Taggard Taylor '59; Erna Moore '59; Mary Boyd Davis '59

# in memoriam



Photo by Professor Alix Ingber

## Katherine Davis Collins

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of our friend and colleague, Katherine Davis Collins. She died at her home July 20, 2006 following a courageous battle with cancer. Katherine worked at Sweet Briar for more than 20 years, beginning in the Admissions Office in the 1970s. She left the College for a few years, but returned in 1992 as secretary to the assistant dean and then was manager of the Dean's Office until her departure in August 2005.

During her illness, it was important for Katherine to share her personal experiences with anyone who had questions, providing them with insight and education about cancer. She also reached out as a friend to many who currently are battling the disease with support, understanding, and hope, all the while knowing that hers was incurable. A memorial service was held in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel September 15, 2006.

—Karen Summers,  
President's Office

## Mary Frances Williams 1915–2006

With sadness, we report the death of Mary Frances Williams, a beloved member of both the Sweet Briar and Amherst communities. After 91 fruitful years, she passed away on December 18, 2006.

Mary Frances worked as part of the SBC housekeeping staff from 1965–1981 and took great pride in her work at the Deanery. Devoted to her faith, she sang in the senior choir and served on the Usher Board and Women's Auxiliary and Food Committee at Mount Olive Baptist Church. Proactive in her political views, Mary Frances also served as president of the Amherst County Voters League and received the Democrat of the Year Award in 1988. For more than 30 years she could be found working the polls during election time. A celebration of her life was held on December 22, 2006 at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

—Colleen Karaffa '06,  
Alumnae Office

The President's Office is saddened to report the deaths of two Sweet Briar retirees: Hester Elizabeth Pendleton McCoy and Nelson Randolph Adams.

Hester McCoy died July 6th, 2006. She was employed in the Housekeeping Department at Sweet Briar for 26 years. Funeral services were held July 9th at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Amherst.

Nelson Adams passed away on July 7th, 2006. Nelson was employed for several years in the bailer maintenance department at the College. A funeral service was conducted on July 11 at Byrum-Parr Funeral Home.

## Roy E. Barbour, 1948–2006

Roy Barbour of Madison Heights, who passed away September 27, 2006, is mourned greatly by the College and community. An employee of the Sweet Briar College Grounds Department for 25 years, 1978–2003, he was married to Susan Marie Maddox Barbour '91.

He helped impact many lives with the beauty of Sweet Briar's campus. Sweet Briar Grounds Superintendent Donna Meeks



remembers Roy's helpful, caring personality: "One of the very first encounters I had with Roy Barbour taught me a great deal about his character. I began working at Sweet Briar as a gardener in 1983. Back then, I enriched the planting beds with used peanut hulls from the Riding Center. I would shovel this heavy compost onto a small dump truck, take it to the job site and spread it by hand. I noticed Roy

observing my work with a glimmer of a smile on his face. Finally, one day he came over to the pile where I had been laboriously working, stopped the tractor with the front end loader near me and asked, "Would you like for me to get you a load?" Embarrassed by the fact that I never thought to ask, I nonchalantly said that it would be nice. From that moment on, Roy and I worked together sharing ideas and methods on ways to get the job done."

—Karen Summers, President's Office

# recent deaths

**1922**

Selma Brandt  
Mrs. Selma B. Kress  
January 15, 1996

**1928**

Gertrude Anderson  
Mrs. William A. Malster  
July 2, 1997

**1930**

Serena Ailes  
Mrs. Mark C. Stevens  
September 16, 2006

**1932**

Mary Van Winkle  
Mrs. Charles King McClure, Jr.  
August 28, 2006

Elizabeth West

Mrs. Robert Etheredge  
Date unknown

**1933**

Mary-Nelson Neville  
Mary-Nelson Neville Sieman  
November 2, 2006

**1934**

Marjorie Westcott  
Mrs. John C. Mackey  
September 27, 2006

**1935**

Alice Laubach  
Miss Alice F. Laubach  
November 15, 2006

Ann Temple

Mrs. Elmer Darr Samsan  
November 15, 2006

**1936**

Emily Bowen  
Emily Muller  
September 27, 2006

Dorothy Harper

Mrs. Dorothy H. Bridgers  
December 11, 2006

Mary Halland

Mrs. John D. Eure  
September 3, 2006

Cecile Porter

Mrs. Charles L. Piplar  
October 10, 2006

**1937**

Ruth Rundle  
Mrs. Lee W. Charters  
January 20, 2005

Elizabeth Sherk

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Prince  
Date Unknown

**1938**

Nancy McCandlish  
Mrs. Edgar A. Prichard  
September 30, 2006

**1939**

Jane Lewis  
Mrs. John E. Kingsbury  
September 10, 2006

**1940**

Jane Burnett  
Mrs. Perry C. Hill  
May 4, 2006

**1942**

Dorothy Myers  
Mrs. Robert P. Marehead  
November 30, 2005

Mabel Sheldon

Mrs. Elmer F. Francis  
October 8, 2006

Elizabeth Whitaker

Mrs. Richard E. Haak III  
February 12, 2006

**1943**

Betty Lynn Emerick  
Mrs. David Dethlefs  
October 16, 2006

Anne McJunkin

Mrs. Frank E. Briber, Jr.  
September 8, 2006

Dorothy Stauber

Mrs. Joseph McCarthy  
October 4, 2006

**1944**

Josephine Saule  
Mrs. William W. Claghorn  
November 16, 2006

**1946**

Marguerite Brink  
Mrs. Leo Feuer, Jr.  
October 23, 2006

Marjorie Christian

Mrs. Richard L. Schley, Jr.  
December 11, 2006

**1948**

Sara Davis  
Mrs. J. Kyle Spencer  
November 15, 2006

**1952**

Amie Willard  
Mrs. Huntington T. Black  
September 23, 2006

**1953**

Sara Ironmanger  
Mrs. Jack E. Greer  
November 14, 2006

**1956**

Barbara Bernhard  
Mrs. Herbert Maclea  
August 26, 2006

**1957**

Manica Ballard  
Ms. Manica B. Porter  
August 26, 2006

**1959**

Vivian Butler  
Mrs. James M. Scott  
December 6, 2006

**1960**

Barbara Bowen  
Mrs. H. Clay Maare, Jr.  
October 14, 2006

**1961**

Helen Gardner "Polly" Chapman  
Mrs. Fred D. Herring  
November 29, 2006

Annabel Pagan

Mrs. Robert V. Blakey  
November 3, 2006

**1966**

Mary McGrew  
Ms. Mary McGrew Lee  
September 6, 2006

Jaan Niles

Mrs. James Tansey  
August 5, 2006

**1973**

Lillian Dugger  
Mrs. Lillian G. Landon  
October 6, 2006

**1977**

Gail Kuehner  
Ms. Gail Kuehner Rakes  
June 21, 1996

**1978**

Cara Olexa  
Miss Cara E. Olexa  
September 20, 2006

**1982**

Susan Maylar  
Miss Susan Elaine Maylar  
August 9, 2004

**1996**

Lynn McEachern  
Miss Lynn Morrison McEachern  
November 26, 2006

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# class notes

## Dear Class Secretaries:

As you all know, Kristin Ewing, former Class Notes Editor and Assistant Director, has recently taken a position in the Career Services Department here at Sweet Briar. She was a delightful asset to the Alumnae Office, and I hope to be as helpful and cheerful as she was during her time here. Allow me to formally introduce myself as the new Class Notes Editor.

My name is Colleen Karaffa, and I am delighted to be an employee of Sweet Briar College and a member of the Alumnae Office staff. Here in the office, I'll be working with Nancy Baldwin to produce the Alumnae Magazine, especially with regards to Class Notes, and assisting Paula Kirkland with Reunion plans. I am from Staunton, Virginia, a quaint little town that I encourage anyone who loves Shakespeare, coffee shops, and historic buildings to visit. I received a B.A. in English and Creative Writing from Sweet Briar College in spring '06 after a lovely three years on campus and a junior year abroad at the University of St. Andrews.

After reading and editing my first submission of Class Notes, I realize the importance of these letters. They provide an essential and delightful way to unite all of the SBC classes and strengthen bonds formed here on campus. Thank you for the work that you do to keep this communication strong and alive.

As a member of the Alumnae Office staff, I look forward to helping you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need information or special assistance. I can be contacted via mail: Boxwood Alumnae House, P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595; email: [ckaraffa@sbcc.edu](mailto:ckaraffa@sbcc.edu) or [sbccmagazine@sbcc.edu](mailto:sbccmagazine@sbcc.edu); fax: 434.381.6132; or telephone: 434.381.6317 or 800.381.6131.

I am excited to be working with you and to continue to be an active member of the Sweet Briar community.

Sincerely,  
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## 1926

**Ruth Will Beckh** resides in Patriots Colony Convalescent Center in Williamsburg, VA. At 101, she is doing amazingly well, doesn't look her age. She has some short term memory loss, but knows her family. She has a good sense of humor and participates in many activities including balloon tennis, crafts, bingo, loves sing-a-longs. Husband Karl died in '03 at the age of 101 and 6 months after 77 years of marriage. Until 3 or so years ago, she attended alumnae meetings with Faith Croker '54 and Mary Jane Finn. The area alumnae honored her at a luncheon on her 90th birthday. Notes from daughter Gilda B. Sherman.

## 1936

**Katharine Niles Parker**  
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My mother, **Katharine Niles Parker**, and father remain in the Nursing Facility at North Hill, in Needham, MA, where children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren visit them. In Oct. they became great-grandparents of their 32nd great-grandchild. Mom was pleased to be mentioned in a SBC Alumnae Magazine as the giver of her St. Andrews robe to a current student to wear at her graduation and then pass on. From daughter Anne Parker Schmalz '62.

## 1937

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I'm writing on behalf of my mother-in-law, **Dorothy Price Roberts**. Dorothy (91) lives independently in her cottage by the ocean. Although her vision is failing, she is as active and involved as ever! She maintains her lovely garden, volunteers in her community, church, and at the local hospital. She's a proud grandmother of 3 boys, great-grandmother of 2 girls and 1 boy (4th on the way). Dorothy keeps abreast of current affairs and readily offers opinions about politics, world events, sports events, etc. She's truly a life-long learner! From Polly Roberts, M.D.

## 1945

**Mary Haskins King**  
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It's Halloween, and I really screwed up this time. I read the notes you sent a couple of weeks ago and saved them in cyberspace. I just found them hiding in another program.

I'm sorry that I'm very poor at keeping up with classmates. Buzz and I attend graduations, weddings, etc. of our grandchildren and travel a bit. Summer in Canada as we've done for 50 years. Always love to hear about friends from SBC, but never do anything about it. Thank you for keeping us in touch.

**Franny Estes Seibels**

Dear Julie: Sorry to hear you haven't been well. Same here and still limping; however, I try to see the children who are scattered from across the country. I live near Carol and family, Erie, PA. I spent a few weeks with Libby in Eureka, CA, and tomorrow will join Carol and Joe who are going to Amer. U. to see daughter Claire. I'll spend a couple of weeks with Philip in McLean, VA at the Ashby Bldg., Apt. 701. I hope to see you there, but I don't drive and will make arrangements to see everybody. Please visit me if possible. Best wishes for a happy spring.

**Antoinette Lebris Maynard**

Dear delinquent (that's me, Julie)! You're great to do this. I didn't get anything about the Golden Stairs. Don't know what you're talking about. Therefore, I didn't send money or whatever. I'm living happily in Salem, VA with my husband of 18 months, Luke Waldrop. I brought him to reunion last year. We have 9 children, 19 grandchildren and 2 greats. With several birthdays monthly, it's difficult to keep up, but we're managing. We went to Belgium last Feb. to a wedding. Luke and family kept a foreign student her senior year in h. s. here in Salem. They're very close, and her daughter got married. We spent the night in a castle where the reception was and it was quite an experience. Then we traveled France. We're going back again in Aug. as the son is getting married and they want us to attend his wedding. Who knows where we'll end up

this time! We go VA Beach now and then, but live here most of the time. Addendum from Dickie: It (Reunion) was GREAT. Loved seeing you and everybody. Luke had a good time too. Am sending you my pics. I don't have digital so have to send them by envelope. Be on the lookout. Love, **Dickie**

Good to hear from you. Sorry about your scooter, but hope you're doing fine now. Luke and I have been on the go, living out of a suitcase. Went to Belgium in Aug. to a wedding, had a great time, then spent 5 days in Amsterdam. Took side trips to Vollandam, Markin, The Hague, and others, lots of fun. I had done the same trip in 1947 when I was in Paris for that year. I had pictures of me and Wheats Young in Vollandam in Dutch costume. Did the same thing this time. The place hasn't changed a bit. I showed my pics to the people and they couldn't believe it. Then Luke's granddaughter got married in Lexington, KY, Oct. 7th. We went and while there went also to Keeneland races. Won some, lost some, and ended up even! Then went to St. Simons Island to a reunion of Luke's friends and his first wife who went to Mary Baldwin. So there was the SBC gal thrown in with Mary Baldwin. My daughter Talbot a MB grad, sent me a MB sweatshirt to wear so I wouldn't feel out of place! Next we went to Vero Beach, FL to visit old friends. Now we're home to stay for a long time I hope. I'm getting too old for all this. Sometimes I wake up thinking, "Where in hell am I?" Still remember the fun we had at our 60th. Best love, Dickie

Dear Julia, how nice to hear from you and don't we LOVE e-mail! Not too much news here. Henry and I are mighty lucky to have 2 of 4 boys living in St. Pete and the rest living in FL and GA right now. In the future who knows! Henry has AMD and doesn't drive anymore, rides his bike with the St. Pete Bicycle Club 20 mi every Sat. Also rides to the gym with a precious young friend. I get to play tennis 3 times a week with forgiving friends! Every Sun. we attend First Methodist Church, which has a beautiful columbarium that we were instrumental in helping to install. Rather selfish of us! **Hilda Chapin** and I talk ever so often. **Dale Saylor Morgan** visited last week. Doing Meals on Wheels the past 33 years, Salvation Army One-Stop center monthly, new for our church to do. It provides mail boxes and lockers for the homeless. Best wishes to all, especially to you and Mary for your help to our class. Julia: do hope you're ok after your falls. Love, **Wylene**

From **Perk**: Thank you for keeping the remnants of '45 in touch. I'm recovering from a hip replacement, off the cane and no pain, ready to go again! I wonder how many classmates have had to replace

body parts. I have 5 grandchildren attending UVA, keeps me connected with the youth of today. It also tells me how different our college days were during those war years. Again, thank you for keeping us in touch. My granddaughter, Julia Mary Louise Jacobsen drove me to SBC to do the evaluation of the Science Teacher Training Program. She thought it was the most beautiful campus she had seen, and she has visited at least 11 others. After 9 years in a girls school she wants to go coed. After 57 years of marriage I still would have liked separate bathrooms. I wanted to make it back for the celebration for the completion of the \$100,000,000 campaign, but couldn't walk that well. I heard several of us were there, **Peggy Jones Wylie** for one.

**Zu** wrote **Mary Hawkins King** that she sent me an e-mail. I never saw that one. She's slow to learn the computer. Don't give up; I do it with 1 hand. They've given up skiing, but walk daily, keep up with bridge, piano, church, children, grandchildren and appreciate being as well as they are.

**Mil Carothers Healy** & **Bill** have 9 great grandchildren. All of the children, grands, and greats visited in Jun. She said they're not as active as they used to be. **Hedy Edwards Davenport** has been busy with grandchildren's weddings, 5 in the past few years. 2 great-grandchildren and 1 to come. She has traveled some music festivals, Spoleto and Aspen; a trip thru the Panama Canal and Costa Rica last winter. She remembers the fun we had at the 60th (I have pictures I am trying to put on the internet or someplace.)

Mary had a letter and I had a phone call when I was out of town from John Gill. **Elene Essary**'s husband. Elene has Parkinsons and can no longer walk. She has good care at home, is on the 1st floor. The nurses can wheel her out on the porches. The Gills have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. 3 of the children work at H. A. Gill & Sons, the family Real Estate business, 118 years old. (This is a rarity in Washington.) Their 4th child is in nursing school in MA.

On Behalf of Mary Haskins King and myself, thank all of you and keep your news coming.

**Julia Mills Jacobsen**

P.S. I think Perk's idea of a survey of our replacement body parts would be interesting.

1938

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I am sorry to report the deaths of 3 of our classmates: **Ruth Carroll Gibson**, **Margot Sibley Lewis**, and **Marguerite Brink Feuer**. Our love and sympathy goes to their families.

Thanks to you who responded to my uninspiring "penny postal" plea for your news. The 1st person to write was **Ellie Clement Littleton** from Martha's Vineyard (Styron County). She and several others have, so I will combine their eyewitness reports about **Betsy Gurley Hewson** and Tom's 60th anniversary celebration at Martha's Vineyard. Bride and groom weren't there! Tom broke his leg celebrating the event earlier in Bermuda. **Anne Hill Edwards**, the **Littletons**, the **Hewson**'s daughter Joan, brothers, sisters, adorable grandchildren were aboard. **Bea Dingwell Loos** writes interestingly: "Tom has been almost totally blind for 25 years, the result of diabetes but continues intellectual pursuits. He has computerized the books of several communities and invented a "machine" that quickly detects diabetes. He was also involved in the development of an instrument that draws blood from the eye should a blood vessel burst to prevent the resulting blindness. Congratulations, Tom! I hope Ben and I got that halfway right! Ellie wrote that she saw **Joan Darby West** at Martha's Vineyard where she and John visited daughter Betsy who lives

there. They had a nice visit, spoke of the "joys" of old age! Joan and Clifton just had their 6th grandchild. Sister-in-law **Lil West Parrot** is doing well, keeps busy. Her daughter, a single mom, is living with Lil along with her 2 boys. Youngest daughter lives in Paris with 3 children. Good to hear from Lil, my longtime suffering music major chum.

The Big Five who attended our 60th were: **Bea Dingwell Loos**, **Helen Murchison Lane**, **Anne Hill Edwards**, **Ade Jones Voorhees**, and **Jean Love Albert**. They had a ball and congratulated each other on good looks and vitality! Bea plays golf and tennis, works real hard at golf so she can play with avid golfer husband Dick. They have lived in the DC area for 58 years, but are seriously considering a move to a retirement home in Williamsburg. They have a daughter in that area. Bea, Ade, **Boots Taylor Hollowell**, **Renie Ashby Dashiell**, **Candy Greene Satterfield**, **Wheats Young Call**, **Anne Hill Edwards** and I met for lunch in Gloucester for a mini-reunion. (Mary Perk Traugott Brown '45 and Marjorie Davidson Rucker '51 joined our '46 group.) We enjoyed each other while Wheats bounced all over taking pictures! Bea brought a magazine about Jacksonville with guess who on the cover: **Helen Murchison Lane**! She looks like a queen! I hope you all saw the impressive item in 1 of the SBC publications. If not, I am enclosing it here.

**Helen Murchison Lane**: "A beloved and honored civic leader, Helen's regard for Jacksonville, Florida, is rivaled by her abiding love of Sweet Briar College, where she has been honored as 'Outstanding Alumna.' Her loyalty is mirrored in her continued involvement as a volunteer and her generous financial support. A former Board member and current member of the Development Leadership Council, Helen has continued to be a leading donor, recognized by the Silver Rose Society and Williams Associates. She has made substantial additions to previous gifts: the Lane Scholarship Fund and improvements in and around the Murchison Lane Auditorium. The latter will reinvigorate the arts on campus by renovating Babcock into a dedicated performing arts center." Murch's private news: her twin granddaughter trained at Quantico to be a Marine after both graduated from Colby College in Maine. 1 of them, Emma, decided against the choice and now teaches English to natives in Senegal, Africa. Helen finished training at Quantico as a 2nd Lt., will go to flight school in Mar. (Pensacola) for Navy Pilot training. "I am proud of them both, though I would not have chosen what they are doing. Needless to say, I expressed very



emphatically my thoughts on their plans to no avail. I feel sure many of you know what I mean." We are proud of our fellow classmate. She has certainly put '46 on the SBC map!

**Sally Bubbs Bruch** writes from Muncy, PA: she and Jack are reasonably well, Jack will have neck surgery in Nov. Summer activities included ABA trip to a ranch in WY, trip to Lake Saranac in NY. **Polly Pollard Kline** from Richmond recently celebrated a grandson's wedding at their beach cottage at Sandbridge (near VA Beach). They had a big crowd for the rehearsal dinner. (Polly, I can't read your writing—was that 30 or 80 guests?) She has 2 sons in OR and the other 6 "kids" are in VA. There are 7 grandchildren ages from 26 to 2. "The 2 yr old boy is everybody's joy. I don't drive anymore. I stopped for the good of mankind." **Cholly Jones Bendall** lives a quiet peaceful life on her farm in Yanceyville, NC. Her 2 young grandchildren live across the creek from her. They spend a lot of time together. She reads, knits, and tends to her flowers, veggies, and 6 acres of grass! She recently attended an exciting lecture at Chatham Hall by Benozir Butto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan. (A great life, Cholly—down on the farm with Pakistan lecture right down the road!) **Joan Morse Gordon** writes from Pittsburgh that daughter and husband have moved from Boston to work at Vanderbilt in Nashville. They are in Green Hills. They would welcome any Sweet Briarites. Joan swims, does yoga and is a docent at Carnegie Museum of Art. (I hope you all read her delightful book, *The Road Taken*.) **Ellen Robbins Red** visited in Montreat, NC. She loves the Blue Ridge Mountains, "reminds me of SBC." Her brother has a summer home in Boulder, CO where she visits every year. She enjoys Carolina birds, cold weather, and foliage. She bought a book on trees and is learning about many new ones "sourwood is 1 of them—spectacular! The hurricane last year didn't hurt me. Murch (her roommate) called to see if all was well with me. I loved that." **Ade Jones Voorhees** from Merry Point, VA still cuts grass, pulls weeds. She and Coerte enjoy grandchildren's soccer games, violin recitals, prom dresses, and "gourmet delights" from an almost Cordon Bleu graduate. They had a grand 60th anniversary cruise around the Baltic Sea in Sept.

**Lynn Hannah Crocker** writes, "Ken and I still enjoy our home in sunny FL. We love traveling, gardening, walking the beach, canoeing on the lake in front of our house. Our children, Camilla (Cami) Crocker Wodehouse '71 and Constance (Coni) Crocker Betzendahl '75 are

surprising us with a 'mystery' trip abroad to celebrate our 60th, Nov. 16th! Coni, the artist, prepared an elaborate pre-trip scrapbook, each page giving clues for our destination. Several weeks ago Cami, living just blocks away, delivered the book with a single page. We continue to get 1 each week. So far, we know we are headed 'south, need a passport, no money necessary.' All very exciting! We are proud new owners of our 4th West Highland white terrier. Each has lived 15 years, so I guess we have 14 more to go. We are very much involved with the Guardian Ad Litem program, representing abused, abandoned, or neglected children in the court system. It is a most rewarding experience. Best wishes, good health, and happiness to all of my classmates."

I'm living at a very nice retirement house in Newport News. Daughter Liza lives in Alexandria, works in the Development Office at the Virginia Episcopal Seminary. (If there are any Episcopalians among you, join the Seminary, keep the great future ministers a-going!) Son Rob, wife Melina, daughter Grace, son Joe live in my ex-house. Rob is a lawyer. They are as busy as all your families are. Were we ever that busy? **Renie Ashby Dashiell** and **Candy Greene Satterfield** recently moved from Norfolk to VA Beach into the Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Home. They have a beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay. All for now—hope I haven't made any boo-boos, sometimes your handwritings are hard to read! Just keep writing when I call on your next year!

Love to all.

1947

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1948

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Classmate **Martha Mansfield Clement** was honored in the recent issue of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine as the Distinguished Alumna at Commencement in May. 20 classmates, her 5 children, many friends attended, and there was much publicity. Realizing this news won't be in your mail boxes until summer '07, we scurried about to make a few phone

calls to see what is going on with you. It has been fun to talk with classmates and realize that many are using walking canes, are shaky in writing letters, do not drive anymore, can't hear well, are a bit forgetful, have been through many joys and sorrows and live in retirement homes; each seemed excited over a chance to reminisce about our class. Our energetic class president did not have as much time to talk as usual; she was packing for Williams Coll. to see a grandson play collegiate football. She described being elbow deep in pumpkins at church in Alexandria where **Audrey Lahman Rossetlot**, **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** and she raised money for worthy causes. Nancy and husband Dan Kelly promoted the Center Pole Foundation and Kelly Foundation where they fed 1,000 families, helped teach business skills, college preparation, and build energy efficient straw bale houses on the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. **Virginia Wurzbach Vardy** lives in the same Goodwin House, a retirement residence in Alexandria with Audrey.

I have complained in earlier letters about the long, newsy letters in the tiniest of handwriting from **Closey Faulkner Dickey**. Suddenly it dawned on your scribe that she had not received any such communiqués in several years. What had happened to the fascinating, energetic Dickey family? Somehow Closey's name, addresses for her 2 residences slipped through the crack and she did not get any mail from SBC. Here are notes on a phone call with Closey as she and Whit settled for the winter at their Lebanon, NH home, Hardy Hill. At summer home in Mt. Desert Island, ME, they had visits from their 5 children, some sailing with their Captain on their yacht. Closey has had all sorts of major surgical procedures, claims to have 5 major chronic diseases, but is doing fine in spite of all. The Dickey's delight in the abundance and beauty of the natural world around them and now have a frisky female golden retriever to keep them on their toes. On a recent visit back home to Richmond Closey visited **Sally Smith Williams** (who looked wonderful), had a conversation with **Marguerite Rucker Ellett** who shares news from **Helen Pindar Withers** about their shared grandchildren.

**Martha Davis Barnes** enthusiastically reports from Atlanta: an Intergenerational Hostel trip with grandson (9) to Copper Canyon, Mexico, "more spectacular than Grand Canyon," and a 1st train ride for her guest. Martha reports **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy** has moved to smaller house in New Orleans. We were saddened that her daughter's malignancy has returned. **Sally Davis Spencer** is very ill and that **Tee Snider**

**Martin** has a chronic illness, both in Columbus, GA.

From Augusta, **Mary Barrett Robertson** tells of chronic back problem, but still plays bridge and keeps up with Colonial Dames activities. She lives in the house where she was born some 70++ years ago. **Diane King Nelson** had a good time in NY with friends from Shreveport. She has 2 grandsons living nearby, a source of pleasure. Diane has phone visits with **Felicia Jackson Burns** in Gainesville, GA where Felicia keeps busy helping daughter Susan with her 4 boys, triplets (14) and sibling (13). Diane corresponds with **Betsy Plunkett Williams**, reports well in Norfolk. **Suzanne Hardy Benson** and Cam have a new address and phone number in Augusta, but I haven't yet talked with her.

In Chattanooga I saw classmate **Martha Owen Thatcher** at our prep school Founder's Day luncheon; she is still interested in bridge and church choir. A call to **Helen Elliott Stockwell (Twink)** interrupted her while putting on a cocktail dress to attend a benefit gala in Huntsville with husband Warren. Daughter Helen Holmes, whom we met at reunion, lives in a home next door, another lives an hour away. Son Steve travels across country, bicycled on the West coast as we talked. Twink sees our May Queen **Bess Pratt Wallace** at monthly meetings of the Antiquarian Society (sounds timely?). Finally chatted with **Peggy Sheffield Martin** who moved in Aug. to her new 2 story town house complete with elevator, many friends in nearby houses, Peachtree shopping, attractions nearby. Peggy tells of daughter Lisa who developed lupus in her early 20's and received a kidney from late father Tom, now has had a 2nd kidney transplant, doing fine. Peggy made 2 trips to The Patch in '06: 1 honored Martha, 2nd was for SBC Homecoming in Sept. to celebrate the success of the capital campaign. (It raised \$10 million above the planned goal!) She said our college did a wonderful job handling the 1,200 who came back for the weekend. (300 had attended the year before.) Peggy mentioned that she hears many comments whenever she is in Highlands for summer visits about the house and garden of **Martha Sue Skinner Logan** and Robert in nearby Cashiers, NC, praise for their dedicated community service.

To close, here are some notes from the **Clan McCallie**. Our 2 middle school granddaughters have been agitating to allow female members of the family to go on the "Men's" camping trip. Accordingly, my David and 3rd son Jack planned the weekend campout, gathered the pots, pans, cookware, tested menus. 42 family members (and significant others) accepted, packed tents, sleeping bags,

mufflers, mittens, other gear for camping in the reserved group camping site near Andrews, NC, the Nantahala River, and Joyce Kilmer forest. There was a nice hotel some 10 miles back in town where David's sister, Ellen Cochrane (90), your scribe, other sissies stayed at night. Marvelous campfires, antique apple pie in Dutch oven, 45 lb pork loin roast over charcoal, biscuits, lots of things remembered were the order of the Oct. weekend.

Please write me at Christmas time so we will have news for next year!

Cheers! Maddin

1949

**Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown**  
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Walter and I had a great time visiting campus for Homecoming last Sept. The big event celebrated the successful fund drive that raised more than \$110 million, quite a few for a school of our size. SBC looked beautiful. We enjoyed seeing classmates: **Caroline Casey Lindemann, Judy Easley Mak, Kitty Hart Belew, Ann Eustis Weimer, Mary Fran Brown Ballard** and Don. Mary Fran's program "Memories of the 40s" was at 10 p.m. in the Bistro—don't these young people realize most of the '40s group retire before 10 p.m.?

We missed the gala dinner Sat. night, a spectacular event under a huge tent, drove to Roanoke instead for lunch with cousin **Alice Trout Hagan** and her 3 daughters, 2 of whom are SBC graduates, Lisa Hagan '79, Ellen Hagan '81.

The Alumnae Office notified me of **Nell Boushall Steed's** death last Feb. We send our sympathy to her family, and to **Ann Fiery Bryan** and **Mary Louis Stevens Webb**, who lost their husbands of many years. Communities (Charlottesville and Charleston, SC) where they served for so long and families will sorely miss Dick and Rutledge.

**Mary Louis Stevens Webb** had a difficult year. She and Rutledge sold their house on Tradd St. and moved to a smaller place, enjoyed it for a while until Rutledge needed more care. They moved again to Bishop Gadsen Retirement Community, where Goodie Geer DiRaddo and Joe (among other friends) live. Sadly, Rutledge's condition got worse; he died 2 weeks before the wedding of son Rutledge, Jr. After all that, Stevie had a fall and re-broke her hip. "It is taking forever to heal this time," she says.

**Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro** writes of 1st visit to New Orleans last summer. She enjoyed the French Quarter in full

swing, was shocked at the damage from Hurricane Katrina. She noticed remarkable spirit and determination of residents to rebuild. She sees **Judy Baldwin Waxter** and Bill regularly. Though they don't play tennis anymore, they do take long walks and discuss improvements for the environment.

**Sally Ayres Shroyer** says she and Lou are happy to be "alive and well." Lou (87) is still ambulatory despite balance problems. Sally has had 3 TIAs over the past 5 yrs and has "reinvented" herself. She is a real "goof-off." For those of us remembering Miss Hopkins, Sally reports she celebrated her 95th birthday on Oct. 4! She is healthy, though her memory is failing a bit. Son Whit (Sally's step-brother) is a Republican pollster in Washington, appears on TV and National Radio.

**Preston Hodges Hill**, Gene, and family celebrated Gene's 80th birthday last summer in Aspen. Gene is now off chemo and radiation to try to relieve leg pain from prostate cancer treatment. Pres doesn't mention her recovery from back surgery last yr; I assume she is well. The Hills spent several days with **Katie Cox Reynolds** and Phil in Hartford, CT, after attending the graduation from Andover of their granddaughter, Alyssa Hill, and later had a nice visit in Denver from the **Bannards**, Yorke and **Ann Henderson**. Ann recently had an exhibit in Tucson of her latest sculptures. Her newest are "Conduit Critters" (some bigger than their creator) made from PVC pipe, enameled in bright colors. Coverage and photos were extensive. The bugs looked very exotic in a natural outdoor setting. I wanted the green praying mantis, but another buyer beat me to it!

**Alice Hagan** is busy in Roanoke trying to extricate herself from doing too much. The garden club won't let her go, she is an independent member of "The Shakes" (Shakespeare Club). She is excited about her grandson Tom Hagan who, right after his graduation from UVA was snapped up by the Pittsburgh Pirates, a famous baseball team, which is pretty low in the national league standing. Now they have Tom, this may soon change!

**Patsy Davin Robinson** will spend Thanksgiving in NY with daughter Davin and family, Christmas in FL with Sandy and his wife.

**Larry Lawrence Simmons** and Charles repeated their AL trip, a rainy disappointment the year before (I hope they gave you a rain check Larry!). This time the weather was much better, loved it. They are busy planning a Caribbean cruise for Thanksgiving week with Susie (youngest) and family, will also be in NYC in Dec. for the off-Broadway opening of a play written by Dee Dee (her 2nd). "Strings" will run from mid Dec. to mid Feb.

Walter and I sold our big, old house after 45 years (Katie, we tie you on longevity), moved to a townhouse development nearby. We have plenty of room for our furniture, had an elevator installed since it's on three levels. Partly because I had both knees replaced last spring in FL, Walter has been having some heart problems. When we go to bed, we hop aboard and say: "3, 2, 1, blast off!" as we soar up into outer space! Actually, our children insisted we go south while they did all the work of moving out and moving in, saving us hard work and trauma. They welcomed us home in the spring with a family dinner, ready-made beds! Aren't kids great?

**Sally Melcher Jarvis** heard from **Beth Jansma Gorter** who has now had a total of 3 new hip joints. She says she's counted and assures us she only has 2 legs!

**Alice Dulaney Sheridan** is still working at All-State Realty. She attended the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, visited her sister in Florence this summer.

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**Ann Belser Asher** published her 1st novel, *Four Mile Tree, A Jamestown Legacy*. A historical novel of James River, VA, it concerns major events from 1607 to 1993. Do we have any other novelists in the class?

**Barbara Favill Marshall** contacted me this summer looking for **Judy Campbell Campbell**. Both graduated from North Shore Country Day in Winnetka, IL. Barbara left SBC sophomore year to pursue musical studies elsewhere. She has been extremely active in the Chicago music world for years.

I received a note from **Emma "Stokie" Kyle Kimpel** and spoke to **Diana Dent**. Both are happy in their respective retirement homes.

This summer **Lola Steele Shepherd** and **DeeDee** visited **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer** in her new "cottage" in a retirement community, Raleigh, NC. Jane recently left Henderson, NC where she lived for many years. Lola writes that Jane "was the big gun behind the building of a new 2 story library" there. Lola has caught up with **Louise Moore** who moved into an apartment in Lexington, VA. Lou is "looking very, very well."

**Anne Peyton Cooper** and Jim went on a Mediterranean cruise in Aug. They landed in Heathrow an hour or so after the threat of liquid explosives

on American planes! Although the airport was in "a state of utter chaos," the personnel were calm and got Anne and Jim through to their Cunard reps and baggage. Anne reports: 2nd granddaughter arrived in '06, granddaughter Nancy married in Aug., '06 "treated us well." How many great grandmothers do we have?

In Jun., I went to Louisville, KY to attend my 60th h. s. reunion. Mario and I took a trip to Charleston/Savannah in Oct., our first visit to the area. We enjoyed it very much. We were real tourists! As you notice the class news is scarce. Postcards will be inserted in this issue of the Alumnae Magazine. Please return them with your current news even if you have not published a novel!

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*Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007*

Dear people of '52 vintage, this is my last hurrah as your correspondent; my term expires with the spring '07 Reunion. I've enjoyed the contacts renewed with so many of you. The memories of the good people and good times give such pleasure now. Please stay connected!

Here's the news, in no order whatsoever: Bill and I visited **Betsy Wilder Cady** in her smashing enlarged, renovated house, Westport MA, a wonderful part of the shore near RI. We'll bring the lunch if she'll let us come again. She was off to FL to celebrate grandson's (3) birthday with a caterpillar cake.

**Nancy Lammel Hartmann** and Bruce visited Dracula's castle while on trips to Hungary and the Balkans. Trips to Sweden and AK fit into their itinerary somehow!

**Jane Ramsay Olmsted** reports no replacement parts to date, looks forward to Reunion. **Florence "Floppy" Fitch Patton** climbs ever higher in the executive ranks of the D.A.R. and will have a national office as of Jul. '07. GO FLOPPY! **Kitchie Roseberry Tolleson** says no excitement, but she DID visit Prague with an old friend who re-inherited 37 Czech estates when the communists left. She took all her and Roy's children and grands to Tuscany. She sees **Dee Dee Bell Lyon**, and says that she loves her spot in the VA Mountains, remains an accomplished horsewoman. **Donna Robinson Cart** has been traveling with her large family to the Bahamas and a cruise to South America for Walter and herself. (I should think so!

I let my kids come home for holidays and don't take them anywhere at all!) **Millie O'Neal Palmer** reports that David is taking all the family (18 of them) to Kenya for Christmas in a game park. May 19, Reunion date, is her birthday. Happiness and love to her over there from all of us here! **Polly Plumb deButts** published a piece in the Washington Post about their spectacular trip to Russia. She's pleased to be a published author. She's still "guiding" in D.C.

**Jeanie Caldwell Marchant** alohas from the islands and is forever hiking, this time to England's Lake Country and Hadrian's Wall. Next to Cinque Terra, Italy (my favorite part of my favorite country, but I've found it to be less exerting by boat) Why not hike the mountains of VA at about reunion time?

**Pat Beach Thompson** is active in the Herb Society of America and performing "The Belle of Amherst", a 1-woman play about Emily Dickinson. Pat is in charge of the class scrapbook, so everyone please return your questionnaires WITH PICTURES. **Janis Thomas Zeanah** has traveled Scotland and Ireland, a little fast paced for her knees. She declined to climb the 126 steps to kiss the Blarney Stone, but loved the people and scenery. **Mary Lois Miller Carroll** and Hugh are very much alive and well on planet Earth, still at Keuka Lake, NY in summer and FL in winter. That's what keeps them well. **Carma Lindsay Burton** has 12 grands and 1 great. She traveled to Italy, is painting, playing croquet and "doing good works from time to time." She has a fine turn of words! **Francis Street Smith** and Gordon are recouping from condo burnout, hope to be in by Christmas and are staying home to pick out colors. She says that in spite of serious health problems **Mary John Ford Gilchrist** keeps bouncing back to the tennis court. Mary, John, and Stuart contemplate a move to "senior digs." Francis reports **Josie Sibold** still in concrete garden figure business, has customers far and wide. Francis says **Mary Baily Izard** and John are on a trip to Viet Nam. Francis is so newsy! **Carroll Morgan Legge** is traveling to Copper Canyons, Mexico. She spent time on Block Island, R.I. summer '06 with kids and grands. **Cynthia Balch Barns** expects a new grandchild, as do I. We're getting to be a little long of tooth for this sort of thing, but I like it. **Eulalie McFall Fenhagen** and Jim are floating down the Danube from Prague to Budapest. Their efforts are concentrated on work for peace as members of Episcopal Church Peace Fellowship. **Barbara Baker Bird** is the 1st of us to land on Easter Island, as far as I know. It was a journey to the South Pacific with a week in Venice for dessert.

**Laura Radford Goley** expects to see **Donna Reese Godwin** and **Ellen Galey Scher** at Reunion. Laura celebrated her wedding anniversary on a cruise in the British Isles. Donna reports an "up and down year," having broken her arm in Jun. The up part was the 1st "grand" wedding in Phoenix and a trip to NE to see a granddaughter compete in a thespian competition. (I hope this is correct, the postmark sometimes obscures the info.)

**Harriet Thayer Elder** is moving to Nashville near kids and starting a new counseling practice. Like me, **Cynthia Balch Barns** expects a new grandchild. Mine is due today in CA. I can't wait to know which flavor! **Jane Mattas** says the mini-reunion in NY organized by **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** was a winner. I'm cross to have missed it. 5 weeks in the hospital having titanium put in my back limited my travel! **Joanne Holbrook Patton** reports that the "reprise" of "Resting On Our Laurels" by the Youth Academy of the North Shore Music Circus was a great success. Happily, her filmmaker son created a video of the performance for reunion goers to see. **Charlotte Snead Stifel** and Hank went on a bike trip, Bologna to Venice with side trips to Rome and Paris (NOT on bikes). They live in Jackson, WY, and welcome visitors. They have a new granddaughter, Lily, the 1st child of daughter Stephanie. **Kitchie** visits **Sally Fishburn Crockett** yearly and they lunch with Mary John, Palm Beach.

**Trudy Kelly Morron** is amazed to find herself the great-grandmother of excellent twin girls. She went to London and Cornwall with grandson (15), his 1st trip abroad, and she speaks of the "pure joy of discovery" on all sides. **Sue Judd Silcox** had a successful knee replacement. A sympathetic spouse is a great thing! Their whole family got together for Christmas and a New Year's wedding last year. **Ann Whittingham Smith** went to Paris, a reprise of her Year Abroad, and found things much changed, still wonderful. She teaches English as a 2nd language to an Ecuadorian couple, recommends the program. **Nell Orand Beck** is having fun with grandchildren, lots of activity in Dallas. She welcomes visitors too! **Jane Russo Sheehan** and Dick's 5 kids put on a great 50th party on their farm with tent, music, and all. Jane says that she is still "horsing around," more judging than riding. **Marge Levine Abrams** still works full-time as a paralegal. Takes trips to visit kids in NY and Atlanta. They took a Caribbean cruise and never got off the ship! Len has trouble walking; it suited them very well to have the ship to themselves. **Leila Booth Morris** and Jim enjoy the new retirement community in Columbus. Jim's

Parkinson's prevents them from traveling, but they expect all their children and grandchildren for the holidays. (There's a great grand too). Tom Strickland, spouse of **Anna Garst Strickland**, wrote Joannie Patton that although her activities are limited, she enjoys hearing about SBC friends and especially enjoys visits from **Catherine Yerkes Grant** who visits son Trevor in Philadelphia.

Now then, due to the fact that my thoughtful son installed a new computer for me while I was in the hospital, certain things never made it from one machine to the other. If you should be among the missing, please repeat next time! Thanks and love to you all.

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At the last minute, I sent out an email to those of you whose email addresses I had. A couple of them were rejected by servers, a few with new email addresses were returned. I was thrilled with the response I did get. Thanks so much. I hope to use this method in the future. Please send me an email so that I will have your address.

We have lost another classmate. **Julia O'Neal Gould**, one of our English gals died a few months ago. We send condolences to her family.

Sympathies and condolences also sent to **Ann Henry Lake** lost her husband to lung disease last Jun. He was in poor health for a long time. **Sally Bumbaugh** spent several days with Ann in Aug. providing support. Ann recently heard from **Barbara Tompkins Ames**. They're planning a get together in Savannah for Sally B., **Lamar Ellis Oglesby** and Ann next spring. They better call me! Meanwhile Ann has taken a short trip to London and Paris with brother living in FL.

**Page Brydon Leslie** wrote for the first time. She attended part of the SBC Homecoming weekend in Sept., but did not see many classmates. She did enjoy the visit. Page recently moved into Westminster-Canterbury, a retirement

community at VA Beach, where **Peggy Hobbs Shaw** and my mother both lived. She has 3 remaining children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Page was an accountant, a tax preparer, is mostly retired, still works some.

**Pinky Walsh Cahouet** writes: really do have something to brag about, much to be thankful for. Frank and I love being grandparents to tiny babies. 3 of their 4 children live near Pittsburgh. The babies (3 and under) keep them entertained. As for traveling, in Nov. they're scheduled for a cruise to Mexico. Their last trip didn't work out very well because they went to New Orleans on the same day that Hurricane Katrina hit! Pinky is still tutoring children at the local orphanage, choral group singing at Old People's Homes.

Last year **Doreen Booth Hamilton** co-organized a garden trip to SW England, having previously done the same thing to the Cotswolds. Her personal travel this year centered mainly on trips to see family in New England. Doreen has 10 grandkids (4-22). 2 grandsons are a freshman and a senior at Duke. She was Co-Chairman of the Madeira Centennial Alumnae Dinner last April. 700 people at the French Embassy! As a volunteer for the Children's Hospital Foundation, Doreen is good at raising lots and lots of money for their expanded Surgery Dept and at helping to plan social and educational events to keep more funds flowing! After living in the DC area, daughter Winkie and husband Bill Bierbower moved to Huntsville, AL, where Bill is now Chief Counsel for the Marshall Space Flight Center. Doreen misses them terribly, but knows it is a wonderful adventure for them. Are there any SBC-ers living nearby there? Doreen is going to VT for Christmas. She had lunch with Peggy Jones Steuart in Oct.

**Peggy Jones Steuart** writes that family count remains almost the same. They have 1 new daughter-in-law (last son married), still 11 grandchildren (2-20). All live within 15 min. of their house in Chevy Chase, MD. Peggy and Guy spend many weekends at their home on the Wye River in Queenstown, Eastern Shore, MD. It's a great place for the family on holidays, in the summer months especially, with lots of fishing, boating, swimming, crab eating, generally a lot of fun for the grandchildren and their cousins of all ages. It's only 1.25 hrs across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Guy and Peggy took a great trip last summer to CO and a small part of UT. They visited his brother in Grand Junction, whose home is literally next door to one of the many canyons they visited in the National Park system. They also went up Pike's Peak. She says photographs do not give you the incredible experience of being in those truly awesome beautiful places.

(I agree.) The trip ended in Telluride with 1 son, his wife, children who vacation there every summer. The Steuarts are in the process of renovating their home at the Half Moon Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, which she says has been a wonderful project that should be finished soon. Peggy encourages classmates to visit: [www.halfmoon.com](http://www.halfmoon.com). The resort is a marvelous place for families down to the youngest babies, with all manner of activities including weddings along palm beaches, water sports, horses, tennis, golf, newly opened Fern Tree Spa at Half Moon, all in a warm, welcoming, flower-filled environment. (We allow commercials in this column if you own the product!) Guy enjoys being Chairman of the Hotel Board, spends time there on hotel business. The family enjoys it. Peggy retired from 10 years on the Board of Trustees of W&L U. last Oct., a very rewarding, event-filled span of time. She treasures the opportunities that came with the stimulating academic arena. Still very active at the Washington National Cathedral, especially with gardens and grounds, the Cathedral building and activities. She currently serves as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, as a Trustee of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden in Georgetown. [www.tudorplace.org](http://www.tudorplace.org) It is an 18th century neoclassical home owned by Martha Washington's granddaughter, Martha Custis Peter, and built by friend, William Thornton, architect of the U.S. Capitol, 1816. 2 garden clubs, an assortment of other interests keep Peggy behind, always playing catch up. Sister Elizabeth (sculptor) in NYC is completing a bust of Kofi Annan for the UN. Her bust of Henry Kissinger is now in the Library of Congress. One of the Stuart's grandchildren is at the Coll. of Charleston so she has a great excuse to visit me. Her daughter visited my Gallery at the Pink House when her son was college hunting. Peggy sees SBC alumnae in the DC area frequently.

**Jerry Dreisbach Ludeke** sends her usual unbelievable news. In Aug. she went to Tibet and Nepal with Elder Trek, 5 days of camping with a Sherpa crew to get to Nepal. She loved being awakened with hot tea or coffee the little fellow offered through the tent flap. Because of the cold at high altitudes, they had double sleeping bags also lined with a flannel sheet. They visited many monasteries lit with yak butter candles in bowls. Jerry found the monks' chants beautiful, spiritual, moving. They had beautiful views of Mt. Everest when they camped at a base camp for climbers. Armed Maoists demanding money stopped their bus was stopped twice in Nepal—a 1st according to a guide. No word whether they paid or not. Jerry sees her name in the Bakersfield College

telephone directory, so she knows she is back at work. Volunteer work at the Archives entraps her. First she was co-director with another retired faculty friend, and now is Acting Director until they wrangle enough money to hire a true archivist. Since she had no experience with archives, they sent her to the 2 week training session at the Western Archives Institute. She enjoyed it, though it showed her just how much is still to be done.

All is well with **Ruth Sanders Smith** and family. Enjoying traveling, spent 2 weeks cruising the Mediterranean in May, a few weeks in NJ with boys and grandchildren in Jun., and then 3 weeks in Norway, Sweden in Aug. Like the rest of us they are happy they can still do it. Ruth plays golf, but says her handicap is getting worse. She is lucky to spend a lot of time with 2 granddaughters (13, 11) living down the street. Watching them turn into young ladies is a joy.

**Louise Aubrey McFarland** answered my note, but didn't tell about activities. She enjoys her "above average" grandchildren, took a family trip last Christmas, Dilly tells me. I like that people respond even if they have no news; then I know they're all right!

**Nancy Maury Miller** and husband Bruce have lived in a retirement community in Boynton Beach, FL, 12 years after his heart attack. They live on a lake, enjoy watching the bird life. Nancy has not retired. She still writes a weekly column for the Palm Beach Daily News on restaurants in the area—often a 2 page article with photos and ads. Except for visits to the clients, who pay big bucks to be reviewed, and an occasional trip to the office, Nancy works from home. What did we do before technology?! Nancy's 7 grandchildren range from 21 (grandson and graduate in sports medicine from the U. of FL), to 1 (granddaughter). Son Scott, a Navy Captain is in Smithfield, VA. He was married in 2003 at the Naval Academy Chapel like Nancy and Bruce, 1957. Their oldest daughter lives nearby and is a labor/delivery nurse; youngest daughter in Franklin, NC, is studying for her education degree at Western Carolina while her own daughter is a sophomore there. Nancy has an active collection of dolls and bears that she sews clothes for, refurbishes, and takes to craft shows. Nancy is the corresponding secretary for the Seacrest Association of University Women, which provides scholarships for female h. s. students at the local h. s., and a member of the Boca Raton Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. She and Bruce have 3 indoor rescued cats. They've heard from **Anne Allen Plugfelder** who lives at Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra, FL, near Jacksonville. She has been there since her husband John died.

**Jo Booze Nelson** is still active in Meals on Wheels, Citizens on Patrol for her neighborhood (where the patrols have reduced crime by 30% in the area!), and a variety of volunteer "opportunities" relating to non-profit agencies in the city. She enjoys a group of 8 friends that meet weekly to discuss a publication with a religious theme. Jo is particularly curious about faith-based politics. Twice a year Jo goes with several friends to spend 5 days in silent retreat with the Episcopal Sisters of the Order of St. Helena in their convent, Vails Gate, NY. Her friends are astonished that she can last for 5 days in silence. She finds it refreshing, energizing. She would be glad to send anyone more information about the Sisters and convent. Since neither of her children lives close, Jo plans to move into a small Quaker affiliated life-care community in the suburbs north of Baltimore. Many friends (no pun intended) are there, she expects there might be a unit available for her in a year or so. 3 older SBC grads live there: Margaret Proctor, Julia Waxter, and Peggy Taliaferro—as well as several teacher buddies from her former teaching life at St. Paul's School for Girls.

The big event for **Ann Collins Teachout** and Bill was the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. 12 of them (2 daughters and husbands, 6 granddaughters) took an Alaskan cruise. Everybody had a wonderful time. The grandchildren range in age from 9-22. Their oldest granddaughter will be married Dec 30; how is this possible? Planning the wedding has been a challenge since this granddaughter is currently a music teacher in an international school in Seoul, Korea. Her fiancé teaches there also; they will return to Korea after the wedding. Ann and Bill are still doing volunteer work. Her favorite is helping in a 4th grade class for homeless children. Like us, they are very pleased to be well.

**Ruthie Frey Deaton** and Hugo recently returned from Iowa City where they were visiting their youngest daughter. She and her husband just moved there where he is now making P&G shampoos for the world. Hugo and Ruthie sadly had their last sailboat summer in ME in '06; boat is currently on the market. The weather was probably the best they've had in ME since they started sailing 15 years ago. They return to ME next fall as landlubbers, will rent a house in Southwest Harbor that Ruthie has always admired from the water. Lots of their sailing friends will still be there well into the autumn. Some of their kids and grandkids sailed with them this summer. For that reason, they hate to give it up, but Ruthie says, "There comes a time when it's time." All the children and grandchildren will be at Ruthie's

for Thanksgiving—21 under 1 roof! Hugo and Ruth celebrated their 50th with children & spouses in Mar. It was 3 months ahead of the Jun. 9 anniversary, but no small feat to arrange a time when all of them could be together. They rented a house on Sea Island, a happy time for all. The oldest of 11 grandchildren is 15, youngest is 5 months.

**Mary Jane Roos Fenn** had a wonderful trip to Alaska last summer, fantastic scenery. Late husband Dick was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base before Mary Jane knew him and always wanted to go back there, perhaps even to live there full time! She enjoyed seeing all the places he had talked about for many years. She and **Faith Rahmer Croker** are going to China for 3 weeks in May. Mary Jane volunteers at the local hospital every Thurs. morning, is also coordinator of the lectors at the Catholic church. She is still secretary of the local yacht club (she was a former Commodore too). She enjoys an active social life, reports all 6 grandchildren fine. Molly (5) in kindergarten says Mary Jane is her best friend—isn't that sweet! Mary Jane will be going to CT for Thanksgiving and Christmas; both her daughters live in Fairfield. She sees Faith frequently, talks to **Maggie Mohlman Degler** a lot too.

A nice long note from **Dilly Johnson Jones** said that **Vaughan Inge Morrisette** came to see Dilly after son Paul III died. Vaughan was enroute to Charleston to be with the Maybanks (prominent, local family with SBC connections) for a gathering. She spent the night at Dilly's, they had such a good time talking that she stopped again on her way back to Mobile. Dilly says Vaughan has more energy than anybody that she has ever known—no different from college days! On her way to Charleston, Vaughan phoned **Page Anderson Hungerpillar** from her car as she was neared Savannah. Page met her for lunch, then Vaughan proceeded on to Charleston, where she did not call me! In the summer of '05, Dilly went to MT, had a great visit with daughter Sanford and family for 4 days. Then Sanford and she went to Yosemite, joined **Ann Collins Teachout** and family. Not all of Ann's grands could be there, but she, Bill, both daughters were there. They had a fun time together! Dilly and family went to Moose Head Lodge in WY last Jun. for 5 days, terrific fun. Daughters Sanford and Louise made all the plans, which Dilly particularly enjoyed. The scenery was fabulous, the kids had a ball, loved being together. On the way back, flying with Louise and her family to Atlanta, they spent 2 nights in Salt Lake City in order to use frequent flyer points, 1 of the nights was a Sat. Sunday morning, Louise's husband and Dilly went to hear

and see the Mormon Tabernacle Choir do their radio broadcast. What a glorious way to end a wonderful trip! As Dilly said, "The gorgeous scenery in WY and then the choir made me know all over again that the Lord made things and takes care of us!" Dilly returned in mid Oct. from a trip to Greece. She had always wanted to see the Acropolis and Parthenon. A couple of great friends talked her into signing on with the Ga. Tech Alumni Travel with them. Both Bill and Paul went to Tech. The Tech group was full, so the travel people asked if they would go later with the group from Colby, Bates and Hamilton. Getting to know them and hear about college was fun and interesting. Dilly really enjoyed the trip, managed fine. She has been leery of traveling alone recently, but managed this difficult trip with lots of changes and layovers, is now encouraged that she will be able to continue traveling.

**Jean "Sissy" Morris Long** writes that she and **Betty Gene Orr Atkinson** live in the same gated community see each other often. The Atkinsons often go to her old hometown, Como, 40 mi. away, to visit old friends and enjoy new restaurants there. They have group meetings for dinner Fri. nights that also include **Anne "Peaches" Davis Roane**. **Anne White Connell** joined the English Speaking Union that Sissy is active in, so she sees her on a monthly basis. Anne is taking a travel group to Vienna for a fabulous New Year's Eve filled with music. **Meri Hodges Major** and Sissy talk often. Sissy says Meri is an amazing lady. No matter what health problems persist, she goes right on with a great strength. Sissy had a wonderful visit with **Helen Smith Lewis** by phone in Oct. Helen and George go to Richmond often to see twin grandsons who are involved in sports and activities. She attends classes at SBC from time to time. Wouldn't that be fun for us all! Bill and Sissy have attended very interesting courses at the U. of Memphis in religion and music. Bill has taken many music courses offered at the university since retiring from medicine. Sissy continues to sing in the church choir. In addition to Sundays the director expanded the program to several extra concerts in conjunction with Rhodes Coll. and the U. of Memphis. The Connells enjoy the Memphis Symphony and every good jazz group that comes to town. Bill still plays in the Doctor's band; Sissy still has Tues. morning tennis after all of these years. She joined a writer's group in Memphis, which she enjoys although they keep her working. They go to Atlanta often to see 3 children, 7 grandchildren whose lives are busy lives with soccer, volley ball, lacrosse, football games, concerts. From cross country to swim meets, she doesn't see how they get to

all of their events! 3 of them currently take piano, 4 are in school bands, 1 granddaughter recently began playing the flute. Sissy and Bill go to water aerobics 3 times a week at 8 a.m. They report that their place in Destin, FL, has withstood all the storms and they love being able to return to the beautiful blue water and white sand.

**Logan Bentley Lessona** writes that, having been involved with the Italian part of the International Spoleto Festival of the Arts, she is happy to help anyone interested in coming to see it. It's in mid Jun., she can recommend hotels, get tickets, etc. With travel to Europe so reasonable now, it's a good time to go to Italy, and she would love to have people stay with her and will act as tour guide. Feel free to contact her from her websites: Explore Italy! Fashion, Wine, Food, & Shopping <http://made-in-italy.com> and A Guide in English to Italian Sites: <http://ciao-italy.com>

**Shirley Poulson Broyles** and Norris spent the month of Oct. abroad. 2 weeks of barging and ballooning in France followed by a 2-week cruise of the Mediterranean, with stops in France, Corsica, Italy, Turkey. Like the rest of us, they travel as much as they can while they can!

Bill and I covered the globe in 2006. We had nearly 3 weeks in Botswana in Apr. (You can take that Safari with us, virtually, at: [www.toogoodtostudios.com](http://www.toogoodtostudios.com)), then in Aug. we drove cross-country with friends from Yokahama American h. s. to Ashland, OR, for another of our not to be missed bi-annual Yo-Hi reunions. After that, we went with some e-friends from Idaho for ten days in the Canadian Rockies. The scenery was overwhelming! I have not put the photographs from that trip on my website yet—too hard to choose! Everyone wondered how we would get along confined with friends, but we all reported that we had fabulous times, no arguments. At home I still have my gallery at the famous old Pink House (1694) in Charleston, where I'm showing more photography than paintings. Bill continues to take graduate English courses at The Citadel. We both sing in choir. Bill handles the readings, a homily, and leads the discussion at a small healing service every Thurs. for our church and delivers Meals on Wheels as a sub. Our only grandchild, Lauren (13) stands 5'11" in her size 11 bare feet. She is enormously bright, talented, attends a local school of the arts. Last spring she was chosen by virtue of taking SATs as one of the top 200 from the South to be in the Duke TIP program. She and I recently entered the photography division of the state fair, still don't know if we've won.

Isn't it interesting how involved in our communities we are. The college students of the 50s were considered the

do-nothings. We didn't protest or burn anything, but in the end, we've become upstanding citizens contributing to the good of the world even into our later years. Good on us!

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Tonight is Halloween '06. Tabb and I are sitting here squeezing news out of our classmates from the telephone and collecting book club members' news. (Forgive my mentioning book group so much, but those classmates are my major sources of information!) I called **Sally Bertelsen Maguire** in Dallas (husband Ren answered the 1st call and he charmed us with his witty repartee!) I'm hoping she'll call me back! **Ann Pegram** is now Mrs. Ezra Howington. (She says he's darling, was a bomber pilot in WWII). Her news: **Nina Hopkins Raine's** daughter moved next door to her in Atlanta! Although she says she only plays solitaire on the computer, we know she's a horticulture judge for The Garden Club of America. She has 8 grandchildren;

Ezra has 6 and 4 great-grandchildren! She and Ezra are coming to our 50th reunion. **Sally Beattie Sinkler** sold her house. **Betsy Duke Seaman** attended the SBC Homecoming celebration at the end of Sept. with **Cay Ramey Weimer**. While there, classmate **Ann Young Bloom** was recognized for her major contribution to the College. We are so proud of and grateful for her commitment to the place we love. Betsy also attended an event at Mt. Vernon, the opening of the Education Center and Museum presided over by **Gay Hart Gaines** who, Betsy says, exhibited: "beauty, brains and enthusiastic patriotism." She says everybody should go to see the wonderful collection of George Washington's personal effects. I'm so sorry that I haven't received **Rachel Bok Goldman's** emails. Recently I did get one in which she told of husband Allen's serious heart attack and complications, but am glad to report he is recovering, enjoys walks with his dogs and gardening in ME. She says: "I am fine, my sons are fine and my daughter-in-law and kiddies are fine." Thank you, Rachel, you are the only classmate to write me! At our last book group meeting, the visit from **Susan Taylor Montague-Reese**, who rode the train down from Alexandria, overjoyed us. Since husband Howard died after a long illness, we were eager to spend time with her. Susan looks well and had just returned from a week in Nantucket with daughter Ashley, son-in-law, 2 grandchildren. Last week in Greenwich, my daughter Cricket and I enjoyed having lunch with **Lizora Miller Yonce** and her daughter-in-law who was expecting (it's a boy!). Lizora is a wonderful bridge player and golfer. She spends time at her home in Boca Grande, FL. What fun to catch up! If any of you want to have me for lunch, I'm available! That's all, folks!

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With interest for our class, Sandy and I took a cruise circumnavigating the Black Sea in late Aug. The first night out we met a delightful lady with ties to a small college in VA. It was Ann Rawley, widow of history Prof. Jim Rawley during our "tenure."

In Sept., we attended Homecoming Weekend, which celebrated the latest capital campaign in grand style. The campus looked spectacular for the glorious festivities. We had a wonderful reunion with **Betsy Pearson Griffin** and our loyal **Mary Jane Schroder Oliver Hubbard** and James.

We have already received a few questionnaires for our 45th reunion next year. Please fill yours out soon so we can compose the Scrapbook. We will be in touch and plan to attend.

Sicily this year, is enjoying her retirement, playing tennis, babysitting grandchildren. "It's so wonderful to get up every day and be able to do whatever suits me!" **Mary Trabue Meyer** feels the same. She lives near mother (89) and daughter Molly, a *fung shui* consultant who spends most of her time tending to Woods (3) and Julia (2). Son Will is an architect in NYC. This Jan. Mary will go to Guatemala with her sister and brother-in-law, in Apr. an art tour in Paris.

**Susan Scott Robinette** lives on 35 acres 8 mi. outside of Clemson, SC, where husband Lamar retired from Clemson U. 4 years ago. They enjoy lectures, concerts, cultural programs at Clemson. Susan volunteers for Hospice, the local Co-op, her church. She is painting again. They spent last Feb. in New Zealand. **Betsy Parker McColl** and Jim bought a 2nd home in Blowing Rock, NC, in Jan., happy to have a retreat from the Columbia heat last summer. In May, Betsy completed a 7-year Bible Study Fellowship course which she says was tremendously rewarding and challenging. She still competes at tennis and had a successful debut in the 65-and-over division. **Katharine Blackford Collins** and John are beginning their 4th year living and volunteering in Comala, Colima, Mexico. They returned to WY for the summer, did 4 long backpacking trips in the Wind Rivers. **Ginni Corwin Millo** spends her winters in Naples, FL, teaching computer basics. During the rest of the year, volunteering and teaching near Boston keep her busy. She enjoys setting her own schedule. **Nancy Dixon Brown** spent summer in Lynchburg helping her mother who fell, broke her shoulder. Nancy spent the July 4th with **Lisa Wood Hancock** and Pete for dinner and fireworks.

**Tempe Parker** writes from Mount Pleasant, SC, (near Charleston, 5 minutes from the beach) that she sells real estate; it's a buyer's market in the Lowcountry! She urges classmates to consider a purchase or at least a visit. Also in Charleston is **Jane Goodridge** who enjoyed her recent trip on *Seabourn Cruises*. She and George booked another for Portugal and Spain in Apr. I had a wonderful visit with Jane recently when escorting a group of my h. s. classmates on a reunion trip to Charleston. She made many helpful suggestions, even surprised us with "typical Charleston appetizers" at dinner one evening! I also visited goddaughter Cheri Burritt Yates '84, daughter of **Mary Ann Utterback Burritt**. Mary Ann is Director of Gifted Education and Academy Programs for VA Beach, VA. Schools, threatens to retire in Jan. (Cheri says it'll never happen!). 2nd daughter Kiendel works in Johannesburg,

South Africa. and son Jimmy, wife, 2 little boys live in NYC.

**Lark Schulze** is thrilled that The Red Devils, the support organization for breast cancer patients and their families which she co-founded, has been written up in "O" Magazine. Check out the Oct. '06, issue on pg. 222: "The Devil Wears Sneakers." **Anne Carter Brothers** had a big summer. John retired in Jun. after 36 years of service in orthopedics. Children and grandchildren (including new 5th granddaughter) gathered for the retirement party. Anne wants everyone to be on the lookout for their son Cary Brothers, singer/songwriter who is currently on a 6-week Hotel Cafe tour with a group of artists who have music on the soundtrack of the movie "The Last Kiss." You can read about him and hear his music [www.carybrothers.com](http://www.carybrothers.com). With watercolors in 4 galleries, Anne will go to Longboat Key, FL, to paint again this winter. **Nerissa Vom Baur Roehrs** in Leipzig moved from the company house into 2 smaller apartments, 1 on the 6th floor where she has a music room. 2 of her Lieder were included in the Schumann Year Celebration, a great honor.

**Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer** and Charlie discovered it's not so far to NY now that 1st grandson Julian Sartell Prentice lives there with his parents, daughter Anne and husband Josh. Another happy grandma is **Meta Bond Magevney** who reports the arrival of her 1st granddaughter after 3 sons, 5 grandsons! Meta and Hugh returned from a trip to Italy that included Bill and Susan Dwelle Baxter, '64. **Keitt Matheson Wood** and Frank returned from Ireland where they spent 10 days on a houseboat on the River Shannon. They look forward to Thanksgiving with son Gordon, wife Carrie, grandsons Graham and Kenton—the 1st time the young folks will put on the dinner! Keitt wrote that **Gail Blanke Cusick** now writes a monthly column for *Real Simple* magazine. **Sallie Yon Williams** has been to Mexico on a book and author cruise, promoting her cookbooks with collaborator Jennifer Bushman. She looks forward to having son Courtney and new bride Nazli in VA Beach for Christmas. **Lynn Carol Blau** and Jeffrey enjoy time in NYC and are involved in the Metropolitan Opera and The James Beard Foundation. **Julia Arnold Morey** trumps the grandmas by announcing 1st great-granddaughter Ayden. After a summer of travel she and Russ are relaxing in "lower, slower Delaware."

The Lookout Mountain crowd checked in at the last minute. **Lee Kucewicz Parham** says she "lives and breathes GPS" since school started

and danced the can-can in front of the whole student body in the annual faculty talent show! She and John fill weekends with "concerts all over town," enjoy grandchildren Emmeline (7) and Jackson (10). Finally **Stevie Fontaine Keown** reports a lovely trip in Sept. sponsored by UVA to the ancient Mediterranean world, sites in southern Italy, Sicily, Greece, Turkey. She sees Lee and **Kathy Caldwell Patten** frequently and has reconnected with **Leslie Buchman Richardson** who still teaches Italian at Sewanee. Our illustrious Class President sends messages: 1st make up your minds to come back to SBC for 45th reunion in spring '08. 2nd send ideas for things you'd like included in our reunion to make it extra special!

All is well in TX now that it's cooled off! Heinz and I have definitely discovered the wisdom of spending the summers in CO where we moved for nearly 3 months, bag and baggage, including the dog and cat! Our house in Snowmass is open to any class of '63 visitors! I'm off to VA in the morning to visit friends (**Lisa Hancock**), family, including a 101-year-old aunt in Richmond, and to attend the fall meeting of the SBC Board of Directors who have been foolish enough to invite me to become an Emerita Trustee. I am looking forward to seeing our *real* trustee, **Karen Gill Meyer** there.

As this is being written on Oct. 31—BOO!

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I have deleted 17 more bad e-addresses: if you're not hearing from me (and want to), please send me your correct address! Thanks to all who wrote!

**Dabney Williams McCoy** enjoys 5 grandsons (6 years-5 months). 1 son lives in Richmond and 1 in Charlotte; their oldest boys started kindergarten this fall. Daughter Catherine lived in NYC for 5 years after graduating from Carolina, now lives in Lausanne, Switzerland, finance works for Philip Morris. They visit a different wonderful country every weekend and plan to marry at Dabney's summer house in ME this Jun. Tim and

Dabney planned a trip to visit them in Sept., a delayed 40th anniversary trip. They visited roommate **Sallie Mullins** and her new husband at their summer home in Rodanthe, NC last Aug.

**Laura Haskell Phinizy's** daughter Laura Keith expects "twinkies," Nov. 13. Laura will go to help in Oct. Laura and Stewart had a wonderful time at Kanuga with Marion and family and Louise in Aug.

**Katy Weinrich van Geel** says life is on the brink of change: Tyll is going to retire after 34 years from professing at the U. of Rochester in Dec.; she will continue to prepare income tax returns for her business. Katy and siblings care for their mother who suffered a stroke last year and is in a nursing home, end-of-life issues are arising. Katy and Tyll are looking forward to becoming grandparents! Daughter Alix and husband Lars are adopting a baby boy from Korea. Katy sings with a chorale at the Hochschule School of Music, creates and burns DVDs of her camcorder movies, goes to aerobics, makes jam, and is involved with a writer's group and other goings-on in their local Unitarian church. Life is full.

**Aline Rex McEvoy** is busy with her mother, son Clay and family. Aline babysits for Clay and Kimberly's 3 little girls (tea parties, dressing up as princesses, sleepovers, at-home ballet performances). Her daughter Emory still lives in NYC and is the new director of recruiting for Armani. Emory has enjoyed working with Ellie Tahari for several years. Aline is involved with church, study groups, travel, reading, friends, weekends in the NC mountains, and a new Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy. She and Peter loved a visit to Quebec and recommend it.

**Eugenia Dickey Caldwell** and Peter work hard, cherish their season tickets for the wonderful San Francisco Ballet and other repertory theaters. It's time for weekend expeditions to see the fall birds. Eugenia's godchild Lee Phillips, who is **Cora Lee Logan Phillips's** daughter, just bought a condo in San Francisco! Eugenia and Peter are excited for her.

**Mel Freese Cota** is a certified yoga teacher and says yoga fits better than Martha Graham techniques now. Oldest son Beto and wife Adriana live in Norwalk CT with 2-year-old Katie (who speaks English, Spanish, and Katie language) but were in Switzerland over the summer while Beto trained for a new job. He'll work in Manhattan; they expect a 2nd daughter in Oct. Vicki and Paco have 3 children: Paco Jr. (5), Maria Fernanda (3), and Baby Santiago, born in Jan. Vicki and Paco live in Mexico City so visit as often as possible. Son Memo has returned to Mexico after many years in Brazil. Mel and Alberto celebrated their 40th anniversary Oct. 8.

**Blair Both** and partner Inza enjoy life in historic Wilmington NC in a 105-year-old house and hope to retire there. Blair is interim rector of Church of the Servant (Episcopal). They anticipate a wonderful trip to Italy and Provence this fall.

In May, **Elvira McMillan Tate** enjoyed a great weekend with roommates **Libba Hanger Luther**, **Aline Rex McEvoy** and **Alice Mighell Ficken** (and their roommates) in Linville NC with Alice and Chuck as hosts. In Sept., she celebrated completion of the successful \$110 million campaign at SBC. She anticipates the arrival of her 5th grandchild, Dec.

After 29 years in NY as an advertising writer for fashion and cosmetics, and several marriages, **Ann Ferrell** moved to Aspen, CO. Ann has an MS in English Lit. from NYU and teaches writing and literature at Metropolitan State Coll. of Denver. Colorado is the sunniest, most wonderful place she has ever been.

**Betsy Benoit Hoover** loved beautiful SBC and connecting with classmates at Reunion. She is busy with psychotherapy practice and very involved with education and awareness regarding Hepatitis C, support for those with Hep C and their families, and fundraising for that cause. Husband George tore the quadriceps tendon in his leg again, is unable to drive. Betsy is driving him while he heals. Their 3rd granddaughter was due the day Betsy wrote me! Her daughter Melinda lives in Iowa City and has 2 daughters, Aliza (born 7/04) and Eva (born 11/05). Melinda's husband is a gourmet chocolatier (makes chocolate to die for)!

**Sally McCrady Hubbard** survived her latest and last AIDS bicycle ride, having not sufficiently bribed the wind gods. She pooped out after 150 miles, exhausted by 2 days of wind, but still grateful for the opportunity to ride with son Hayne and the incomparably generous/funny community of AIDS volunteers. She is happily employed 3 days a week at the *Sewanee Mountain Messenger*, a weekly community newspaper. Recently retired husband Charles spends much of his time water-coloring. Grandson Duncan is in 1st grade in Arlington TX.

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This is my last opportunity to remind you to return to SBC for our 40th reunion! You will be thrilled to see how well the College is doing and how beautiful it remains. **Jill Beguido Gill** writes nothing new or exciting to report, but still enjoys tutoring, family, friends, animals, gardening. At 61, she's grateful to be healthy, so "no news is good news!" **Dolly Cabalaro Garcia** has 8 grandchildren ranging from 10 months to 10 years all live nearby. She is active in tennis and her opera group, which just had a successful production of *Madama Butterfly*. Recent trips: a Mediterranean cruise with eldest grandson Miguel and a remarkable trip to India. **Barbara Annan** is back in her beloved home in AK, for good. She enjoys oil painting and keeps busy with real estate ventures. She gave up her counseling private practice to be able to travel to her NY apartment and visit friends, family more often. **Betsy Kurtz Argo** writes that Jim retired from the jewelry store, enjoys a life of political volunteerism and has become her complete care giver—grocery shopping, laundry, chef—all of it (he even takes the dogs to the vet—her job for 20 years), while she schleps away at fund raising 50+ hours a week. Their joy: weekends at the cottage on Torch Lake in MI. They're grandparents to Jake, born in Feb. and Ellie (1). They visited her in Asheville, NC, bringing a stuffed rocking horse to start her on her 1st horse. Although **Barb Tillman Kelley's** youngest, Trey, will marry Jun. 2, she will try to get to reunion. Trey will get his MBA after 2 years at Wachovia. Fiancée, Lindsay is a vet; they will be off for her residency in vet orthopedics for 4 years. Daughter Darcy, also a vet, married in May '05, moved to Phoenix, AZ, while her husband was in school. They will return to Birmingham in '07. Dave, the oldest, works at Highland Restaurant for Frank Stitt, who has 3 fabulous restaurants in Birmingham. Barb is Dir. of Education at Vulcan Park, check it out [www.vulcanpark.org](http://www.vulcanpark.org). She plans to retire from the education part of the job next spring to continue part-time as Curator of Special Exhibits. Carlton is doing well, hopes to retire next year. **Lynn Gullett Strazzini** writes that after her '05 Federal Aviation Administration retirement, she does contract work for the FAA, teaching Career Development Planning and Presentation Skills &

Professional Image in the FAA's Mentor Program in Seattle, DC, Denver, CA, and Salt Lake City. Stepdaughter Suzy moved to Salem, VA; stepson Tim is a regular on CNBC's *Fast Money*. Tim and wife Danielle are proud parents of Luca (1). Grandma Lynn has been to NYC twice to visit. Since retirement, Lynn makes monthly visits to Portsmouth, OH, to help care for her parents (85) who still live in the house where she grew up. She gets together with several friends from kindergarten through h. s. who remained there. Retirement endeavors include sailing lessons with Womanship from Annapolis. Their logo is "Nobody Yells" so it's a great way to learn to sail! Next summer she plans to sign on as a crew member for a trip from Charleston, SC to ME. She also takes adult ed classes, currently Islamic history, culture, and politics. Lynn and former husband Ed continue to do things together, get along well. "Guess that sums up year #1 of retirement. It's been hectic and now I can join the ranks of those who say, "I don't know how I ever found the time to work!"

**Carroll Randolph Barr** still loves working at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot, especially since she turned over the Journalism class to a co-worker and now is support person on call when needed. She no longer coaches girls' tennis, freeing her to fundraise as Dir. of Development and Alumni Affairs. The challenge is huge. The school, almost 50 years old, has buildings to fix and repair, plus has need for a new building. Carroll doesn't know when she'll retire; the job energizes her and she still loves working. She has the freedom to take off for golf and tennis, spent 2 days in Warm Springs playing golf and having fun with college friends Pam Jones Brown '66 and husband Joe and Baltimore friends, Ridge and Lynn Warfield, Gus Biddle from UVA and Chris Singleton and his wife Cathy from Hot Springs, VA. Son Michael has moved back to NYC, is a financial analyst with Newburger Berman and Angus and is going to Johnson & Wales U., a culinary school. Out of school for 6 years, this is a huge challenge for him but he loves it. No grandchildren, but both boys are happy and have lovely ladies in their lives. She enjoys and treats as her own, sister Elizabeth's children and grandchildren. Life is good in Powhatan, VA. **Gail Robins O'Quinn** is helping with class fundraising for Reunion. She will try to come to Reunion between Caribbean and Danube cruises. Trips had to be scheduled prior to hurricane season since the wreckage of Katrina and Rita made them leery of being away at that time. **Ginny Stanley Douglas** reports life is rather hectic with major remodeling of their house. This meant moving out for 15

months plus making a million decisions with the architect and contractor, fun in a hectic sort of way. She and Bill spent a week in Roanoke, VA, for their niece's wedding. Daughter Becky, husband Mark, and grandson Miles (2) went with them; all had a wonderful time. Becky expects a baby girl Dec 31st, so their family is expanding. Ginny has been working on Governor Schwarzenegger's re-election campaign. She looks forward to introducing Bill at Reunion. **Kat Barnhardt Chase's** life has been full. Finishing classes and exams in the Deacon Formation Program in the Diocese of NC and going before the Commission on Ministry one last time have been an exhilarating process. Her ordination as a vocational deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of SW VA was in Aug. Grandson (6) has conquered the pool, and visited Thomas the Tank Engine again with grandfather who continues to teach computer science at SBC; they are both enjoying their foray into fly fishing—there are some beautiful spots in Central VA. Younger daughter will graduate from Elon U. in NC, spring '07 and older daughter, SBC alum, lives and works in the area. **Anne Carr Bingham** reports that '05 was an eventful year. She received her MA from Wesleyan U. Anne and Kim celebrated 40th wedding anniversary at the same hotel in Bermuda where they honeymooned in '65. Extending the celebration, they traveled to Peru for the trip-of-a-lifetime to Machu Picchu, the fabled "Lost City of the Incas," that Kim's grandfather Hiram Bingham III discovered in 1911. In May '06, they were in Washington, DC, at the first-day-of-issue ceremony for a US postage stamp honoring Kim's father, Hiram ("Harry") Bingham IV. The stamp was unveiled en bloc with those of 5 other "Distinguished Diplomats." This is a day toward which Kim worked tirelessly for 8 years. From '40 to '41, Harry Bingham, a consular officer in Marseilles, is credited with rescuing 100s, if not 1000s, of Jews and dissidents fleeing the murderous Nazi regime through occupied France. This was in direct contravention of State Dept. directives since the US was not yet at war with Germany. For his act of conscience, Bingham was posthumously presented the "Constructive Dissent" Award by Sec. of State Colin Powell in '02. Their children and grandchildren are wonderfully well. Mark, oldest grandchild, is 13. *"Tempus fugit,"* as Dean Pearl would have noted. I look forward to our 40th reunion in '07! **Mary Azima French Jackson** writes that in '98 she was divorced and now lives in Guilford, CT. She has a MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and DMin from U. of Creation Spirituality and is ordained as an Interfaith Minister from the New Seminary in NYC and Sufi

Cherag (also interfaith Minister). "Azima is a Sufi name that I've added. Bonnie is only used by family or folks who can't change my name." Recently she served as a marriage officiate and created custom weddings that suited individual taste. "It's been a lot of fun, very sacred and special. Each wedding is very different, and each couple has seemed very pleased with their ceremony. If you know of anyone looking for a memorable wedding ceremony, send them to me. For more of what I do, see my website: [www.abouseofflight.com](http://www.abouseofflight.com)." Daughter Elizabeth Werbe (31) works in NYC. **Kim Waters Keriakos** retired in April after almost 35 years with American Bankers Assoc. She visited family from Mom to the children and grandchildren in CO, NJ, VA, and mountains of NC. Kim took a wonderful trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, looks forward to future trips to parks in the West and South. Kim enjoys volunteer work, studies at church, takes every opportunity to arrange flowers for worship and special occasions. She attended the US Air Force Memorial Dedication Ceremony with family and the memorial service with friends who had served and worked with Van. They had looked to this day for several years, and it was a gift to have participated.

All is well with me. The highlight of my summer was the SBC tour to Scotland. Homecoming '06 was a wonderful event. I enjoyed catching up with **Victoria Baker** on campus meeting with current anthropology students, **Kat Chase** and Bob, and **Clay Blackwell**. **Judi Bensen Stigle** has had a very busy year with family but promises a good time for all at reunion. See you in May!

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I am sorry to report that **Dina McGuinn Moser's** mother died suddenly in Apr., and **Cathy Hall Stopher's** mother and my mother died within 1 day of each other in Jul.

Peter and I are comforted by good news from our children: Adele is in her 2nd (final) year of the MSW program at Simmons Coll., doing her clinical at

McLean Hospital (*Mount Misery* for those of you who have read Samuel Shem, *alma mater* for notables such as James Taylor, Anne Sexton, John Nash, and Sylvia Plath). Charles graduated from Hamilton in May, is job hunting in DC. Bless her heart, **Lynn Pearson Russell** (Alexandria, VA) at the National Gallery kindly agreed to meet him and offer advice about job opportunities in the DC art world.

**Ronde Kneip Bradley** (Baintree, MA) continues full-time work for Wiley (textbook publisher) and still manages to be away almost every weekend. Kate works in Austin, TX and Nicky is in the nursing school at the U. of DE, crewing for the varsity. Peter and I had a wonderful week with Ronde, Dina McGuinn, and Tom (her S.D.) in a cliff-side house over the ocean near Machias, ME in July. The 7 hour drive from Boston was well worth it!

I am back at work part-time at the local elem. school as the receptionist/secretary rather than the nurse. The wages are almost as good (and the state doesn't care if I am working for my MS or not!), the stress level is far lower. My 92 year old father, the local historical society, genealogy, and the board on which I serve occupy the rest of my time.

**Martha Brewer** (Little Rock, AR): Well, we've been in Little Rock for 7 months. I'm still adjusting to academic medicine. There are a lot of differences between the 2. I had planned this move prior to the Katrina Flood in New Orleans. We've lost almost 1 year due to the devastation there. The past year has been more than surreal. We were lucky! Our home was spared, despite neighborhood flooding; my practice in Metairie survived intact, despite having essentially no income for 3 months. I set a new record for lowest taxable income since I was a resident in the 80s. Many, many of our friends suffered grievous losses relating to homes, businesses, crappy insurance coverage, etc. We've been swept up in trying to help our financially, emotionally distressed friends and family members. Almost everyone has a horror story. We know several nurses who were at Memorial Hospital during that trauma. They're worried about being caught in that witch-hunt that's been in national news. Everyone we know seems to have some variety of PTSD. Hopefully this nightmare has exposed the completely immoral, heartless core of the Republican administration. We still love New Orleans and have a condo there but, we're beginning to think Little Rock is the best kept secret in America, surprisingly liberal compared to AR. Come visit. Susan paints, is planning an art show/sale in New Orleans this spring between Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest. Feeling a huge need to give something back to the city

and to HCA that was generous to their employees after Katrina. Susan also works some fill-in shifts in New Orleans at Tulane—HCA Hospital. We really look forward to seeing **Elizabeth Lewis** (San Francisco, CA), coming in late Dec. to baby-sit a godchild/nephew here in Little Rock. I think her husband David is staying in SF for this trip. Her son Matt is at Columbia. When we were displaced last year, Elizabeth was 1 of the people who contacted me and offered money, a place to stay. Also, **Claudette Harloe Dalton** came down with a medical team from UVA, but we never managed to get together. I got lots of encouraging emails from class members. **Sue Scanlan**, Jared, Susan and I are planning a mini-reunion here in the 1st part of the year. If you don't know, they live in Alexandria; she is a major bigwig with WREI, an offshoot of the former Congressional Clearinghouse for Women's Issues that she founded.

**Mabry Chambliss DeBuys** (Seattle, WA): I've been in Seattle 35 years (lord!) and am a partner at the 2nd largest law firm in the northwest (a litigator). The firm is Preston Gates (Bill's dad) & Ellis. I love what I do (crazy schedule included). I am off to China for 10 days in Nov. on a women's leadership conference along with 30 women from the US to meet 30 women leaders in Beijing and Shanghai. No idea how I got selected; I'm a divorce attorney dealing primarily with high net worth cases. The Chinese women are interested in the rights of US women in divorces. Some of the other areas covered are HIV/AIDS research, breast cancer research, banking and business issues, etc. A year ago, **Ginny Stanford Perdue**, **Haden Ridley Winborne**, and **Less Guthrie Keller** came to Seattle for a reunion. We had such a good time. I even chartered a float plane to take us to the San Juan Islands for lunch. I am trying to convince them to meet me for our 60th on my sabbatical next year when I will be in Turkey, Greece, Croatia, and Italy for 2 months.

**Ridgely Fuller** (Waltham, MA): My hair wants to be grey and my joints creak, but I still ride my horse, walk my dogs, work in mental health, parent my family and raise a ruckus whenever possible.

**Cathy Hall Stopher** (Louisville, KY): Marshall and Douglas are still in DC; he is an associate producer for Leslie Stahl at *60 Minutes*, she works for *National Geographic*. Charles is a lawyer, just joined the Public Defenders' office in Louisville. He and Ed go to the Louisville football games together. We get to see him for dinner on Sun. nights. Ed is defending Commair in the horrible crash in Lexington, KY. I'm still playing bridge, not getting to play much golf, trying to get around to cleaning my desk.

**Kathy Kibbee Paterson** (Reading, Berkshire, England): The highlight of my year was a trip back to the States in Jul. As well as seeing my brothers and their families, I was able to get together with some SBC friends. I'll leave it to them to give you their own news (just in case I get it wrong or find that I'm being indiscreet!).

**Ronde Kneip Bradley, Mary Chesnut Hunt** and I stayed with **Elizabeth Wyatt** at her house on Nantucket, a fantastic venue for a great mini-reunion. We also saw Elizabeth's son (9) and twins (3). We had wonderful, relaxing chats while walking and sightseeing, catching up on family news, talking about retirement, books people had read, snippets about classmates, etc. Unfortunately, some weren't able to come: **Sharon Singletary Vanzant** was organizing her son's wedding, **Pam Sinex Subalusky's** father was ill; **Pamela Tipton Newton** was organizing her son's move to VA. I get back about every 2-3 years, hope we'll all get together then. I'm now (I hope) in my last year before retirement, working as the Faculty Team Manager (social sciences) at the U. of Reading Library. I'm also the economics librarian and coordinator for Library staff development. I'll miss the students and helping them find information, but as I drag myself to each committee meeting, I say, "only 2 more to go!" When I retire, I hope to do more family history research, learn to teach English as a foreign language, improve my French, get to more films, etc. Graham and I may move to France, but haven't decided on the area, probably within a couple of hours' drive of Calais. We now have a quiet house, my daughter having just finished her MSC in Organizational Psychology at City U. in London and in the midst of job-hunting. My son has started Computer Science at the U. of Kent in Canterbury (graduation in the cathedral, my favorite bit!).

**Dina Moser McGuinn** (San Miguel, Mexico): Dina and Tom moved to Mexico in Sept., although she arrived later than Tom and Vader (The Dog) because she went via Paris to visit sister Lynn after leaving Seattle. Kate is expecting a baby in late fall, still working for Pfizer. Ian is finishing his Master's at Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts and is engaged to be married. Stephen uses his new MSW to work at Riker's Island, NYC's largest jail.

**Jean Rushin Brown** (Wilton, CT): We've had a good year! Son Rob moved to London in Apr. to start a job with Deutch Bank in the Commercial Real Estate area. We garden and watch the State widen the main road (Rt 7.) running through the middle of town. We miss our trips to W&L, but now have the opportunity to go to London. Hope everyone has a happy holiday season.

**Susan Scanlan** (Alexandria, VA):

No glad tidings from the Scanlan Corner. Following a suspicious mammogram, a needle biopsy, a failed lumpectomy, and an MRI core biopsy, I underwent a double mastectomy and breast reconstruction on Halloween (the surgical team wore masks for the occasion). Jared graduated from mere hero to saint as he herded me through a 4 month mental meltdown/self-pity party. The most surreal occasion was when we met with the mastectomy lady. She tried to sell us on these (no kidding!) magnetized snap-on prostheses that come in 14 sizes, 17 colors, and 9 nipple styles. They were displayed in Tiffany-like boxes with fancy bows and tissues, appropriate since they cost (again, no kidding!) \$4,000 a-piece or \$8,000 a-pair. I selected a mocha colored Double-D version and held it up to Jared's chest and asked, "Whaddya think, Hon?" His response: "More than a mouthful is conspicuous consumption!" My plastic surgeon is a foaming-at-the-mouth feminist who drives a Harley. She guarantees I'll eventually boast a pair of Barbie Doll, gravity-free bosoms, and we'll haul them along on her bike when we go spit on George Bush's grave. Gallow's humor helps, so I'll close with bittersweet "vinaigrette." After repainting the guest bedroom last weekend, I was outside frantically planting 76 pansies and 8 hydrangeas. (I nourish a passion for blue flowers.) A neighbor stopped to praise my courage in building a beautiful garden for next spring when I'd "be healthy again." All the while, I'm thinking, "I'll be damned if any of the funeral guests will cast aspersions on my housekeeping!" Everybody go out right now and get your mammograms!

(Editor's Note: Jared reported on Nov. 1st that Susan's surgery went well. "She is remarkably pain free and of good spirits, due in no small part to her anticipation of the process being far worse than the process itself.")

**Pamela Tipton Newton** (New Bern, NC): I'm getting my feet wet on a Board of Directors and finding out just how busy it can keep the novice Board member. Although I took a bad fall this summer, tearing tendons and ligaments in my left foot, I'm slowly recovering, for the past week I've been taking a daily ½ hour walk, real progress for me! Whether I ever return to being the Twinkle Toes of Tap remains to be seen, but it is my ambition to strap on those tap shoes again!

**AtLee Walker** (Montross, VA) got a granddaughter in Oct. '04 (Did I report that already?), and retired for the 2nd time in Oct. '05. Doing art (mixed media) full-time at home now, and loving every minute of it!

I'm eager to hear from the rest of you. Please update your addresses (snail mail and email).

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Greetings at the beginning of this holiday season! I hope you are in the best of health and happiness! During our last reunion, which was just wonderful, **Lynne Manov Sprinsky** and I were elected class secretaries for the coming years. We look forward to hearing from all of you! For our 1st attempt, we didn't contact people with e-mail, so we'll have to catch up with you for the next time. If you do have e-mail and were not contacted, please let us know, we'll correct your information. Otherwise, we'll try to contact you by snail mail or phone.

Despite a crazy commute from MD, **Miriam Washabaugh Meglan** thoroughly enjoys her organ studies at E. Carolina St. U. with Janette Fishell and Colin Andrew. Our 2006 Reunion Service of Remembrance last spring was an amazing experience for her. She extends many, many thanks to **Kathy Garcia Pegues**, whose came up with the idea, to everyone who participated in the Alumnae Choir, and to all of her very dear friends and classmates whose support and encouragement made the occasion so special. She looks forward to spending more time on campus working with the Alumnae House and the new Chaplain on the coming year's Alumnae service.

**Becky Randolph Boyers** saw several classmates over the past few months: **Jeannette Bush Miller**, **Nan Glaser LaGow**, **Michela English**, **Barbie Gracey Backer** and **Meredith Mill**. She is grateful for the strong friendships forged at SBC. Daughter Grace is a sophomore at U. of Mary Washington, and son Randolph is a sophomore at St. Christopher's School near our home in Richmond. Retirement is not in the short term plans! Husband Scott is in commercial real estate; she is between careers at the moment.

**Barbie Gracey Backer** writes: "Life in my neck of the woods is very good. My husband, Ron, and I still run our insurance business, focusing on medical malpractice insurance for physicians, surgeons, and dentists. It keeps us on our toes; the FL climate has been very volatile over the past years. When things calm down, I'm grateful to work a little less. I'm on the board of a local women's shelter, Wayside House, which brings me great joy and purpose. I've tried to focus my volunteer energies on this charity; I feel called to it. My children are happy and healthy, generally moving in the right direction in life. John is a junior at Auburn studying finance; David is 1st year at UVA studying engineering; Katie is a senior in h. s. and has not decided where to go. We were recently at David's Parent's Weekend in Charlottesville and saw Jeannette Bush Miller, Becky Randolph Boyers and Nan Glaser Lagow. Jeannette's daughter, Liz, is a 1st year engineering student, like my David. We had a wonderful time together laughing like college kids again. I don't know if this should go into our notes, but today SBC friend, Kari Anderson Shipley '76, was honored as a Woman of Grace by our local hospital association. Over 500 people honored Kari for volunteer work in our community. I was very proud of Kari and the caliber of women that SBC turns out. Last year, we took our children to Budapest, Hungary; my cousin's husband was the U.S. Ambassador there. We stayed in the embassy residence. The children loved riding in the bullet-proof car. We went back in the summer on a 12-day Mediterranean Cruise. It was a wonderful being with teenagers almost ready to leave the nest. That's about it. I'm very grateful for a life of excellent health, happy children, a supportive husband, healthy parents, a purpose greater than myself, and wonderful Sweet Briar friends."

**Deborah Eck** says "Gladly, I'm back in San Diego, America's Finest City, where I'm almost finished building my 'final' home (no more moving). It will have a magnificent view, is located not more than 15 min. from downtown and the airport. Everything is being done with an eye toward entertaining, so I'm hopeful old friends will let me know when they're headed to the West Coast. I'm still in the travel business, specializing in group business (class/family reunions, executive study tours, academic/cultural tours, association/club trips, consciousness-raising seminars, etc.). The groups I create for myself primarily go to Europe, and I've found tour escorting (different from "guiding") to be my calling. P.S. No longer "Debbie" although "Deborah" is just fine, too!"



**Judy Brown Fletcher**, writes from Indianapolis, "I'm struggling with elderly parent issues, father-in-law (94), Dad (90), Mom (88). BUT right now our focus is on our Greater Swiss Mountain Dog bitch, CH. Riverwalks Lunar Diademe. She is currently (for this brief moment in time) ranked as the top bitch in her breed. We are away at dog shows most weekends. Last year she showed in the Eukanuba and Westminster shows. This year we may go to Eukanuba, but it's in CA. right after Thanksgiving, a looong way to travel in a minivan with a dog. Don't know about Westminster, we hope to breed her in January, and so will not show her while she is preggers. Other than that, I've lost 30 pounds, finally found a program that works for me!"

**Libby Tyree Taylor** wrote from CHINA! "Sorry to have missed SBC reunion. I get to Charlottesville rather often as my son is a 2nd year student at UVA. Last weekend was Parents' Weekend and I saw Jeannette Bush Miller while she was at UVA visiting her daughter. I squeezed in that weekend between a trip to Italy and China (where I am now). My daughter recently earned a Master's degree from St. Andrews in Scotland and is now living in NYC. Now that my children are at home for vacations, I have the freedom to travel with my husband. What fun! I'm still serving on our local school board and find that interesting.

**Cynthia "Cinny" Riddle** checked in from the "rural fringe" of Los Angeles. "Son Cody (18), living on his own for the past year, is a student at Santa Monica Coll. He attended community colleges since he was 13, bypassing middle school and h. s. due to a unique blend of learning disabilities and giftedness (twice exceptional, as they call it; twice the headaches is what I call it). I finally have most of my life back, design books, direct Public Service Announcements about the impact that on-screen cigarette smoking has on teens (50% start smoking due to movies with smokers) and the role of lead and mercury in causing children's developmental delays. I produce and direct PSAs at a discount for good causes (children, animals, environment). [Cynthia@TruthBeToldEntertainment.com](mailto:Cynthia@TruthBeToldEntertainment.com) 310-489-0610."

**Debbie Chasen Wyatt** wrote a hilarious note from Italy. I'm leaving her grammar as is, so we can all appreciate the "hardships" of being overseas! She writes: "i am in Italy using a foreign computer with no question mark and other oddities, so can only say <i am painting away, soon to return to a major, major week long jury trial, after which <i am trying to taper off and do more writing and painting. <kids getting grown. <one in college, other cannot wait to be on his

own and is delighted to have me gone for a week or so. <cliao, xhoew,"

Debbie, thank you for sending this! **Susan "Susu" Schmidt** told us that "attending SBC Reunion was my biggest pleasure this year! My heart was warmed when classmates welcomed me so hospitably. Clearly you all love and support each other; I am honored to be among you. I'm so proud each woman is confident and successful, (whether CEO, kindergarten teacher, or law partner); and healthy (especially if recovering from cancer); all dancing. When I walked through a brick arch late one night, I said out loud, 'Daddy, you were right,' because he wanted me to come to SBC."

**Martha Roton Terry** writes: "I still remember the great time we had at our 35th reunion. I wish reunions came around more often than once every 5 years! Our class looked great! My main news from this past year was my trip to Italy and the Greek Isles with **Frances Barnes Kenamer**, absolutely wonderful. We visited Florence and Rome, then took a twelve day cruise to several Greek Isles, Dubrovnik, and Ephesus (in Turkey), ending in Venice. For me, the trip of a lifetime! Daughter Ann is a senior at the U. of AL, Journalism. She loves to write. Son Caldwell moved from Birmingham to Atlanta with 2 college buddies. They are in pursuit of the "perfect" jobs! I hope they're successful in finding them!

**Liz Mumford Wilson** says, "I didn't get to the SBC Reunion, it was the same weekend as my son's graduation from h. s. He is at Denison in OH this year, taking him there in Aug., returned for parent's weekend 3 weeks ago brought back memories of my 1st year at SBC. However, my parents were there to unload the car and that was it—no receptions, no inductions, just goodbye. It's done differently now. I've reminded him, more than once since he is really out of nagging distance, that studying doesn't mean a book propped open while sitting in front of the TV. He knows that, but I saw a lot of that freshman 1st semester. Not 2nd semester. Hello to all from Cape Cod. P.S.: website: [www.elizabethmumford.com](http://www.elizabethmumford.com)"

**Ginger Lord McKee** wrote to tell us happy news! "I'm sure Reunion successful. I'm sorry we were unable to attend. I actually filled out the reunion questionnaire and sent it last spring. Assuming it was passed on to you, I can update it with the birth of Emily, our 1st, loveliest grandchild, born in Austin, TX, Aug. 19. I look forward to seeing pictures and hearing more about everyone."

**Dee Kysor** is "well. I have my own house-call holistic veterinary practice in the Richmond area. It keeps me busy. Daughter Jennifer is in her final year of a Ph.D. program in personality psychology

at the U. of IL in Champaign Urbana. She hopes to get a job on the East Coast. She and I went on a 1 month road trip out West that included a wonderful week-long trail ride to Zion, Bryce and the north rim of the Grand Canyon, a great trip. Husband George Crafts is a storyteller. I write songs or find folk music to go along with his stories. We call ourselves Woven Yarns. We performed at the UVA Art Museum. This is a fun way to spend time together. We live in Goochland County, VA, with 3 cats, 4 horses, and a dog. All is well here. Jenny and I were in UT during Reunion, tough choices had to be made."

**Ellen Weintraub** and I were discussing her distinctive e-mail address (involving the letters "SBC!") and she said, "Thank you! Looks like I was the first one to speak up when Yahoo started up their e-mail years ago. Also demonstrates that no matter how old and gray we get (LOL), we are all SBC 'girls' at heart! When I was President of the NYC SBC Alumnae Club I requested the e-mail address. I'm still living on the beach in South FL. My big news is the addition of my golden doodle puppy to my household. Most of you *know* it's not a big household, but at least I have someone loving and loyal to go down the path of life with me! He's the light of my life and a toy golden doodle, much smaller than the ones you see around, only 17 pounds. He's 3/4 toy poodle; 1/4 golden retriever, but with the golden retriever personality, very sweet. Has the brains of the poodle. The breeder is in Nicholasville, KY, near Lexington ([www.goldendoodle.net](http://www.goldendoodle.net)). I was so impressed with the professionalism and care I witnessed; they produced a real winner in BeauBeau. Highly recommended if anybody is shopping for a puppy. I'm still originating residential mortgages as a licensed mortgage broker, so if anybody needs financing of property in FL, I promise to find you the best deal around. My Mom (91) is still going strong. She and Beau have become buddies; she comes over just to visit him! Her grand-dog is attached to her. He climbs up on my Dad's bed, right next to hers, and they snooze together when I leave him with her for a few hours, can't do it for longer, because his puppy rambunctiousness and her arthritis precludes her ability to walk him. I visited my godchild (**Wendy Weiler's** daughter) at SBC in January. We had SO much fun together! It was a real trip venturing back into Meta Glass! We had a lovely dinner together with Caroline's roommate, too, at Main Street in Lynchburg, excellent restaurant by the way! We celebrated something special: BOTH made the Dean's List after their 1st semester at SBC. Was I a proud godmother or what?! Can't wait to spend more time with my gorgeous, brilliant godchild!"

**Marguerite Smith Willis** writes that she is living in Florence, SC, is married to the Mayor, Frank Willis. She still practices antitrust law, although she has to commute everyday to her office in Columbia.

**Alison Jones** sent a long note! "To get the real scoop, you must come east and spend a weekend with **Jean Mackenzie Thatcher** and me! She and I have become godmothers to each other's daughters, stay in touch regularly on issues of child-rearing, the environment, starting a publishing house, memories, and other un-publish-able topics! In Oct., I'm on a press trip to the Piemonte/Turin region of Italy, in Nov. to Ethiopia. Thanksgiving week I'm taking youngest daughter Elizabeth for her 30th birthday to visit my sister in St Croix. Elizabeth is in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in a 5-year Ph.D. program in Sustainable Architecture. For Christmas she and I will join her sister from Seattle in Santa Barbara, CA, my home for 7 years, and offer a bit of sunshine to my fog-bound elder daughter pursuing a career in environmental resource management, 2 masters degrees so far. Early autumn was busy with a big exhibit on "*The Waters of Africa: No Water—No Life*" and a couple of lectures on "*Conservation through Photography: Focus on Africa*."

**Michela English** writes: "Sorry I missed the Reunion, but I saw **Barbie, Becky Randolph Boyers**, and Nan Glaser LaGow, and Jeannette Bush this summer, great fun. I see **Kathy Garcia Pegues** periodically at SBC. I've started a new job as President and CEO of Fight For Children, a Washington based charity that helps improve education and health care opportunities for low income kids in DC. It's very rewarding; I'm really enjoying it. Our kids are both in Miami, great fun. Eleanore (22), doing Teach For America for 2 years, is assigned to a middle school teaching English and remedial Math. Will (19) is a freshman at the U. of Miami studying marine biology."

**Louise Dempsey McKean** reports: "all is well here in NH. It's hard to believe we've been here since 1974! We're fortunate to have both of our married daughters living in NH; Molly, a lawyer, lives in Concord with husband Rick and son Tucker (19 mo.). Margot works in commercial real estate, lives in Kingston, NH, with husband Chris. Our son, Matthew, is a sous-chef in northern CA, too far away! We bought our 'retirement' home in La Malbaie, Quebec, where I spent all my summers growing up. It is 90 miles NE of Quebec City; we use the house all year long. May sound crazy since everyone else goes south, but it makes sense for us. We will all be there for the holidays. It takes Matthew nearly 2 days to get there by plane from Arcata,

CA, but he says it's worth it! Our plan is to spend 6 months there, 6 months here in NH, with a few side trips to Bermuda to warm up.

"My title abstracting career is on hold because the residential real estate market is in a total slump. I'm still translating for the many refugees who stream into NH from French parts of Africa, very rewarding. I have a sister in Richmond and keep hoping to get back to VA but all of our family reunions are up north. We made it back to UVA last year for Ted's 35th reunion.

Sorry to have missed our SBC Reunion, had a family wedding in FL that weekend."

**Anne Wiglesworth Muñoz** was happy to report that "I actually do have some news this year. Milton retired in Jun. after 31 years of teaching; we've had a wonderful time ever since. I was 'invited' to do the UT Arts Festival last Jun., which was fun in spite of 4, 13-hour days in the heat. Then in Jul. we went to Oaxaca, Mexico for a week to visit Aliria (21) doing a 2 month nursing internship at a clinic there. We've never seen her so happy. In Aug., I got word that a quilt I had entered in the AQS International Quilt Show in Nashville had won 1st prize in the Wall Quilts category. That happened just before our month-long, 6,345 mi. road trip cross-country. We traveled all the way to ME, stopped to see friends and family along the way. No set schedule and lots of fun. On the way home, we saw Maya (25) in MO in her 2nd year of med. school. We have trips planned to KY to see my Dad in Nov., Colombia in Jan. to see Milton's parents. It's a good year."

**Wendy Norton Brown** sounds much like me (Gale) when she says: "I wish I had news! I loved Reunion and catching up with everyone. I do have news from **Kathy Wilson Lamb**, but hopefully SHE will send it since I finally got her back to Reunion! They bought a house and property in Lexington, VA, will retire and move there in Feb! They'll be close to us in Wintergreen (when we are there!), only 2 hours from Richmond. We're so happy they found something they are both excited about! Of course we are jealous they'll be retiring!"

No sooner had we received Wendy's note, when Kathy wrote: "Rex and I have big news. He is retiring Dec. 31st; we've sold our house in Atlanta, and bought 1 on 11 1/2 acres in Lexington, VA! Our new address will be 93 Riverbend Dr., Lexington 24450; we love visitors. We'll move in Feb., have spent every weekend since Aug. cleaning out the crap we've accumulated over 23 years in that house! It's a little sad, liberating and tedious."

**Jacque Penny** wrote: "We're experiencing a mild hurricane season, I'm most grateful. I enjoyed Reunion, so many great memories . . . I enjoy teaching,

although I've been transferred—I'm at the jail, but not in jail (haha)—covering for a sick co-teacher. I'll be there 4-12 weeks (eek), it's eye-opening and depressing! 4 days I tutor K-3rd kids in reading for the 'No Child Left Behind' program, their innocence and joy balance the ugliness. Had a lovely visit to Prince Edward Island, Canada where my parents live in the summer, a delightful place (land of Anne of Green Gables—incidentally written by Lucy Maud Montgomery, 1st cousin to Mirinda Macclure, my mother's maternal grandmother). Met cousins, visited lots of graves, quite a grounding experience (pardon the pun). Terrorists put a crimp in travel plans, hoped to visit Ireland and/or Scotland or Spain soon. The idea of flying out of Heathrow on American is daunting. Our world is a mess, what a legacy. We need HUGE change, what can we do about it? Let's put our collective Sweet Briar heads together and bring peace to the planet. I send you both and all of our classmates love and good wishes."

**Marilyn Kolb** wrote: "After a mild heart attack last Nov., I went back to work as Director of Risk Management and Compliance for Mellon's Private Wealth Management group, a job my daughter says I was "stupid" to take since it is the one everyone points to when things go wrong. (Is anyone more honest with you than your kids about how dumb you are?) Having tried to get back in the groove, I've haven't had the energy or interest to take all the problems on my shoulders, have opted to retire early next year. Then I can plan lovely trips, take every museum class I've ever wanted and never had the time, maybe throw out some of the house's mess after 25 years here! I look forward to spending time with the increasing number of my friends who are themselves retired—all of whom seem blissfully happy with their lives these days! My daughter is a sophomore at Reed Coll., Portland, OR (how nice, I get to visit my daughter and my sister, who lives there, when I visit!), my younger daughter is a junior in h. s. who vacillates between wanting to go to Oxford, to thinking art school in NY or San Francisco sounds great. A typical nerve wracking junior year in h. s.! I'll see **Diana Zeidel**, **Mimi Pitts Dixon** and **Caroline Murray Tuttle** in Gettysburg in early Nov. at the marriage of Mimi's daughter. Diana continues to work part-time doing training all over the country, and lives either in FL or DE depending on the time of year. Mimi continues at the National Right to Work Foundation. Her husband retired a year ago so she may be a "short-timer" too. Caroline's daughter was married a couple of years ago in Greensboro, still lives there. Caroline and her husband still live in Reidsville. Rick is retired."

**Jill Lowry Wiemer** tells: "I have enjoyed retirement and becoming a grandmother. I now have 2 grandchildren, Parker Caroline (2) and little brother Whit (10 months). They've kept me busy traveling back and forth between my home in FL and theirs in SC. Last year, George and I bought my mother's summer house outside of Highlands, NC. It's close to my grandchildren; we've enjoyed spending part of the summer in the cool mountain air. I've taken up golf, really enjoy it. My other excitement has been planning 2 weddings. 2nd daughter Juli will marry in Jan. and youngest daughter Betsy will marry Apr. of next year. These are happy times."

**Carol Remington Foglesong** happily writes: "Jameson Riley Foglesong arrived on Saturday, 10/7/06, at the very considerate hour of 1:50 p.m. giving his Boca Raton grandparents time to drive up to Orlando and me time to get back to Orlando from Palm Coast. He was 6 lbs 13 oz, 22" long. He has a head of brown/dark red (maybe) hair, cute as a button (no grandmotherly prejudice I assure you!). He's had a bit of a rocky start with some difficulty absorbing oxygen and some leftover fluid in his lungs. He delivered very quickly and with almost no stress or pushing by mom Crissy, which may be the reason for the fluid. He's doing much, much better, the kids (Crissy and Eric) hope he can come home Sun. The cradle arrived back in Orlando from my brother in Seattle on Tues. where it's been for 20 years. Jameson will be the 5th generation to sleep in the cradle (my paternal grandfather, my mother, me, both my boys, and now him). Mother's brother, Uncle Pete, said: "This kid is pretty smart. He knew his bed wouldn't be ready for him on Monday and so he decided to stay in the hospital a couple of extra days where he knew he'd have a bed. It's amazing to see your son have a son. Crissy and Eric have handled the drama of these 1st few days well. I'm so proud of them for working together and supporting each other. Celebrations are in order!"

**Lynne Manov Sprinsky** finds life fascinating, mostly as a result of her studies with the Balimo™ curriculum offered through Equestrian Education Systems, Inc. The things she's learning about learning make her head spin! She's a much more effective lower-level riding teacher. After only mental practice, she rode a flying lead change for the 1st time on a loaned Grand Prix horse in Germany, Sept. 06. She'll complete the Balimo™ certification process in 2007 and will then be available for clinics. (Balimo stands for Balance in Motion.)

And I, **Gale Hull Whetzel**, have been busy having various body parts removed due to kidney cancer, a lesser-known

cancer with numbers that rise yearly. I've been very lucky so far, but many are not. This is my plug for making any kind of donation you can to the Kidney Cancer Association! Husband Gene and I are very active in our church here in Columbus; we've made wonderful friends there. Several of them went with me to FL during my treatments at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa! Youngest son Jamie married a wonderful girl from Cleveland, Sept. '05. They met at UNC. They're both physical therapists (which does NOT mean you get free massages!), and live in Chapel Hill. It is wonderful to finally have a GIRL in my family! Our oldest son works here, lives 5 minutes away. We see him monthly when he needs to do laundry! I haven't ridden for a long time, but I do see **Tricia "Honey" Hammer** frequently. She still teaches riding, judges at horse shows, travels with her job. With her busy schedule, she comes to our house as often as possible, and promptly falls asleep the couch! Only good friends can do that, right? Gene and I still have 2 dogs, a retarded cat, and 3 parrots that talk and bite. All rescues. (Another plug!) Animals in some form will always be a part of my life (if they can live in the house). That's it for now folks! Lynne and I were thrilled to hear from you who e-mailed; we promise to get the reminder cards out to those of you who do not have e-mail next time. (Look for your response card in the *Alumnae Magazine*. It should be in *this* issue!) Take good care, all of you out there.

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The recent change in gathering news for our class notes has resulted in a relative dearth of news. Call me old-fashioned, but I liked the double postcards that came in the mail, even though some gathered lint in the I-will-get-to-it-soon pile. I do like that we don't waste paper and money, but the postcards achieved



their goal. If it wasn't for **Sue Dern Plank**, we would be news-less! Kudos to **Diane Dale Reiling** and the Seattle SBC Alumnae Club whose efforts brought 3 students from their area. Sue Dern Plank attended Homecoming at SBC, the only class representative. **Joan May Harden** had hoped to attend, but because of daughter's Lexington wedding, couldn't take more time off work. Sue wrote that being the only member of '73 didn't matter, "there's an instant bonding among alums that transcends age and class year. Nancy Mortenson Piper '74, her committee, and the Alumnae Office did a great job keeping all the alums "informed, entertained and, of course, fed, it being Sweet Briar!" Sue visited with Miss Sprague the day before her 94th birthday who lives in a retirement center, Lynchburg. At Founder's Day Convocation, Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64, the 1st woman to earn a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering at UVA, was honored. Then it was on and up to Monument Hill following the bagpiper in 90+ degree heat. The seniors wore their "formal" black robes; the other robes decorated by their "little sisters" are worn to class. There were panels of students, music, a magician and even karaoke for the night owls. The new Nature Center, formerly water plant, was dedicated. Teams of engineering students raced self-designed cardboard boats on the lake, only 1 sank! Sue writes: "the campus is thriving; a dynamic place filled with highly capable, energetic, talented students who are pleased with the quality of education they receive from the demanding, yet supportive, faculty and administration. The class of '09 is the largest in years." Sue's daughter, a junior at Dickinson Coll., is majoring in policy management studies. Next semester, she'll study abroad. Sue anticipates a visit with her and friends from her St. Andrews days. David continues to work for The Gordian Group, a job order contracting firm based in Greenville, SC, although he is based in upstate NY. Sue volunteers at an environmental education conservation center, teaches elementary students about the natural world. All 3 obtained their advanced open water scuba diving certification, Jan. '05 in Belize.

**Betsie Meric Gambel** and husband Jerry Alexander survived the worst of Hurricane Katrina relatively unscathed. Her brother, his family, their parents weren't as fortunate. Betsie reports that the city is returning to life slowly, but surely.

**Laurie Norris Coccio** and husband Chris live in Milton, NY. In Aug., Laurie became the principal of a small area elementary school. Elder daughter Stephanie completed her master's at Oxford (Laurie and Chris attended the

graduation, Oct. '04), now works on her doctorate at there. Laurie's younger daughter lives in the Albany, NY area.

**Ginger Woodard Gast** finds her 2nd year of teaching 2nd grade much easier than the 1st. Youngest daughter Katie is in 9th grade. Her middle daughter is in the English National Ballet School in London, will receive a degree from Trinity Coll.

**Kathy Pretzfelder Steele's** 2 daughters graduated, moved out of state. Oldest Tracy completed Pepperdine School of Law (Malibu, CA), May '05 and is now an associate attorney in a Chicago law firm. Daughter Kelly graduated from Fairfield U. (CT), May '05, majoring in Biology and Marine Biology, is now an Animal Trainer for the killer whales (Shamu) at Sea World in Orlando. Both of them love their jobs and their new homes. She and David celebrated their 33rd anniversary in Jun., still work hard, planning their next trip to visit 1 of the girls.

Diane has been elected to the SBC Board of Directors. She is one of the 3 Alumnae Board representatives and will serve on the External Affairs Committee. This commitment involves being at SBC 4 times a year, quite a task for a west coast woman!

And, I, "**Weezie**" **Blakeslee Gilpin**, claim the negligent class secretary award. I continue as the Associate Dean of Students, Milton Academy and love the wild uproar of working with 650 adolescents. Summers on the vineyard, I work at a produce stand, look for sea glass, read, and garden, a wonderful combination! Bob does independent college counseling and year-off consulting, has more business than I would think possible. Alexa runs the MD office of a Boston-based tutoring company; Blake is in the home stretch of his Ph.D. thesis in American History. Christopher works at Rye Country Day School while taking courses at the Bank Street School of Education, NYC. I have the sad news that **Lillian Dugger London** died on Oct. 6, '06. Her name will be read at the Alumnae Memorial Service, Reunion, spring '07. Keep in touch and email me your news. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**Johna Pierce Stephens** and family still live in Davidsonville, MD. Johna made a major change by taking an "early out" retirement and resigning her position as Director of Information and Administrative Services in the Office of Communications within the Office of the Secretary at USDA. Many of our classmates remember that Johna worked there as an editorial assistant while we were in college. Over the years, she held a number of positions and in the late '90s, completed Senior Executive Service training while serving as Deputy Press Secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture. She worked in communications her whole career and served as a member of teams that produced the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the Food Guide Pyramid, and food safety (think "Mad Cow" disease, e. coli) and homeland security (before and after Sept. 11) communications. As a departmental press official, press issues interrupted more than a few of Johna's holidays and vacations. "So now," writes Johna, "I'm delighted to spend more time with only child Rachael as she finishes h. s., heads to college next fall (alas, SBC is not on her list). Rachael continues to show her horse (I'm her best groom and exercise jock!) and Tom still sponsors drag racing cars (2), travels for fun and work. I was very sad to hear of Bart Whiteman's death. I spent many hours in Sweet Briar House rehearsing as part of his musical group, and saw him in the 1st few years after our graduation, losing touch when he moved from the DC area. I'll always remember his intensity and his humor. Pax."

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Many thanks to classmates who wrote us about their busy lives! Out of our group of e-mail addresses, several bounced back or were secure that our message requesting notes was not delivered. If you would like to be contacted as part of our e-mail group, please e-mail to one or both of us (e-mail addresses above). This is a wonderful way to stay in touch and keep our class united!

Most of us will have turned or are about to turn 50, can you believe it?! Several classmates wrote of their birthday celebrations. Wonderful stories are included in our notes. This has also been a year of family losses. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones.

Our classmates seem busier than ever with interesting careers and travels! We enjoyed hearing about the achievements of so many classmates' children and the community service that a few of you are able to fit into your busy lives. Several of you are experiencing "empty nest" syndrome. How quickly time passes!

**Jane Lauderdale Armstrong** teaches religion in Junior High at Westminster Schools, Atlanta. Jane has almost finished a M.A. in Theological Studies at Columbia Seminary. Husband Mike continues his work in the software business and is into his final year of service on the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees. Son David is a senior at Westminster, busy with football, community service, and college applications. Daughter Kate, in 9th grade, spends much of her time singing in the women's a cappella group. They've stepped up family travels while still living under 1 roof with 1 school calendar. Recent travels include Barbados, Costa Rica (where they ran into **Lyn Spilman Williams**) and the Galapagos Islands.

**Carey Johnson Fleming** serves as senior director for the upstate affiliate of the American Heart Association. Husband David is back from a 2-year consulting job in Atlanta, looking for something in Greenville. David III is a senior at the Coll. of Charleston and a full-time firefighter for the city. Ian is in 10th grade, thrilled to be playing on a Tier 1 AAA Hockey team called Team Carolina. Of course, this means playing hockey everywhere

EXCEPT NC or SC. The family will be in Toronto the week between Christmas and New Years for a tournament. Carey loves riding her horse, Galina, tries to ride at least 4 times a week!

From St. Louis, **Dudie Hiemenz DiLeo** laments that it's so quiet now that she and Tony are empty nesters. Dudie is looking for part-time work as a teacher's aide. Tony currently works in the investment and tax field. Dan (22) attends Cornell, is on their hockey team. Laura (20) studies nursing at Georgetown. Dudie keeps in touch with **Ann Key Lucas** and **Cathy Mellow Goltermann**.

**Cannie Crysler Shafer** and sister Sophie lost their wonderful mother late last year. She's thankful for the support of many friends and her children to jiggle her back into action. Francie, a sophomore at Northeastern U., Boston, is a member of the Varsity Women's Crew team, a communications major, and had a great year academically. Connie proudly screamed across the Charles River last year when Francie won a gold medal at The Head of the Charles. Son Blake says he gets "too much attention" now. He's a junior at Episcopal Academy, so they're starting the college search! He is 6'4" and not finished growing, plays all varsity sports and the drums! The family worked together at Camp Susquehannock this summer and Cannie loves having Geordie Stewart (**Mary Page Stewart's** son) on staff there as a counselor! Cannie admits succumbing-a bit-to husband Win's latest passion/hobby, birding, which she finds less frustrating than her golf games with him!

**Carrie Ruda Clark** guesses a lot of us had the "big" birthday this year! Hers was a memorable milestone as her sister and brother-in-law got family and friends together to help her celebrate. Additionally, a friend offered his flat in Florence, Italy, so she seized the opportunity, took her boys to *Italia* for 10 days (a birthday gift to herself)! John (22) finishes at Elon U. (NC) in Dec. '06 with a B.S. in physics. Andrew (18) is a h. s. senior. Carrie's new "hobby" is social dancing with a group at a local National Park Service Center for the Arts. It's great fun and good exercise, but she had no idea how much there is to coordinate! Carrie and **Janet Rakoczy** work very closely together at the same investment advisory firm. Janet's dog, Brandy, is the office mascot!

**Melanie Bowen Steglich** is busy and having fun. She had 2 apparel markets back to back including traveling to Las Vegas for the Magic Show. Lee came out met her for a relaxing time over Labor Day weekend. They went to Hoover Dam, Ethel M Chocolate Factory, and hiking in the Red Rock Canyon. It was a great time! This year, they remodeled

their kitchen. Melanie loves the finished product, but was about to scream with workmen around all the time. Dogs, Molar and Doc are doing fine, still kings of the household. Lee gave Melanie the biggest surprise party for her 50th birthday. Melanie says he "did GOOD!" Mexican food, margaritas, champagne toast, cake, and a Barbie piñata to boot! After several margaritas, Melanie was blindfolded and turned round and round. With baseball bat swinging, she broke the piñata filled with Depend diapers, Polygrip for dentures, laxatives, corn pads, Johnson's Foot Soak, and many more lovely things that help as one grows older. Melanie says Happy Birthday to every one as we gracefully turn 50 and offers the following tip: Extra Strength Bengay really does help sore back muscles.

**Claire Cartwright Vaughan** has sons at Texas A&M U. and U of TX. She has been busy with Images for Conservation.com developing a new type of environmental protection based on nature photography contests and vacations on private ranches. Claire and husband George visited **Ann Yauger** in Atlanta this spring. They also saw **Jane Lauderdale Armstrong, Libby Freeman Goetz**, and Nancy Hatch Schwartzmiller '79.

**Susan Negaard Harley** marks her 25th year with Cardinal Health and maintains a busy travel schedule. Her part-time marketing position is almost back to full-time as she travels to Europe often. Recent months found her in Portugal, Munich and Shanghai. She misses her family! Andrew (13) and Caroline (10) are both growing up quickly. Husband David is an attorney and the family lives in, loves Lake Bluff, north of Chicago. On the SBC front, Susan spent a long, lovely Aug. weekend in Charlottesville with **Betsy Wood, Leigh Ramsay Simmons** and **Maggie Laurent Gordy**. It seemed like they never moved away from each other! They saw Montpelier, did the spa thing, shopped, ate and drank to excess, obviously in training for our next big reunion in 2 years and looking forward to it!

**Cathy Mellow Goltermann** reports life is good. She teaches preschool (3 and 4 year old nuggets). Husband Chris still runs his shoelace company. Their twin daughters (16) are driving, yikes! The girls, sophomores, are into cheerleading and field hockey. Son (14) 8th grade is into tennis... yeah! The Goltermann family took their annual trips this year, FL in spring and WI in summer. The family enjoys water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, and sailing. Cathy keeps up with **Ann Key Lucas** and **Jenny Craig** when she is in Naples.

**Donna Mihalik J. G. Lee** and husband Dennis had a wonderful time

in IL this summer with grandchildren. Dennis has poetry forthcoming in *Alimentum* and *Pacific Review*. Look for Donna's poetry in *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*; *Janus Head: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature, Continental Philosophy, Phenomenological Psychology, and the Arts*; and the inaugural issue of *Touch* (UMKC School of Medicine), which should appear in the waiting rooms of hospitals and doctors' offices. Her book, *On the Altar of Greece*, winner of the '05 Gival Press Poetry Award, is due to be released in Oct. '06. Donna also has news of Sept. family wedding. Dennis's daughter married (Sept.); the newly weds traveled to Scotland and Ireland on their honeymoon. Donna keeps in contact with Debbie Dalton Knapp.

Very sorry to hear that **Deborah Dalton Knapp's** husband Steve passed away on 12/12/06. Debbie and son Patrick (3) survive him. We're all very sorry to have received this news. Our sympathies go out to Debbie and her family.

**Barbara Mendelssohn Price** was delighted to find SBC friend, Laura Evans '79 by accident when she saw a familiar face with an adorable Jack Russell terrier in the same FL apartment building where Barbara and her husband live. Barbara enjoyed a lunch with Laura and Graham Maxwell '79 until the restaurant started setting up for dinner! Barbara found out that Bob Artinian, their former French teacher, lives in West Palm Beach. She plans to visit Bob and Tonya in winter. Graham works at the Norton Museum, is remarried with 2 teenage sons. Laura spends winters in Palm Beach and summers in Umbria, where she has renovated a property including 2 farm houses. For those interested, it's for rent. Barbara's 2 boys (a senior and a freshman) will be away at school this fall at Hotchkiss, CT. Barbara and husband plan to visit the boys often, hope to squeeze in trips for just the 2 of them. Barbara takes design courses at the Corcoran School of Art and Design as she thinks about re-entering the work force. She rides 5 days each week as an amateur rider and says that one of the benefits of riding is seeing **Becky Dane Evans** at the stable.

**Eileen Scully** thanks us for tracking her down, and comments: for her 50 is still quite a way ahead. She reminds us that most of our class didn't realize it at the time, but she was a child prodigy, arriving as a freshman when she was only 12 years old. Eileen is now a history professor at Bennington Coll., VT.

**Patricia Boyce** lives on the north east coast in Monmouth County, NJ, is interested in hearing from other SBC '78 graduates. She's a regional director

for Wentworth Property Management, a national property management firm. Recently, she patented a squirrel repellant product!

**Kathy Jackson Howe, Mary Page Stewart, Robin Jones Eddy, Cannie Crysler Shafer, Barbara Behrens Peck, Deb Davison Klein and Dru Springer Oswalt** had a great reunion at the Howe's wonderful mountain house in High Hampton, NC. Deb says, "Everyone looked great and we all had a blast." Mary says, "We had an amazing time." Barbara says, "It was if we had never left!"

**Mary Page Stewart** reports that time is flying by and it's scary! Ellie will be a senior at Bucknell this year. She spent last spring in Granada, Spain, fell in love with the Spanish way of life, and seems ready to move there. Geordie is a senior at Gilman, and is not sure where he'll go to college. He is looking south, maybe our old haunting grounds; that would be great. Mary and Bob can't figure how the kids keep getting older and they don't.

**Dru Springer Oswalt** and Mary are collaborating on a children's book. It's still in the dream stage, but that's where great things start, right?

**Deb Davison Klein** has lots of news, both happy and sad. Sadly her father, mother and sister Missy passed away last year. Happy note: Deb was engaged in Costa Rica, July '05 and Dec. 8, '05, was remarried to a wonderful man, Terry Klein, Aspen, CO. Deb and Terry live in a darling bungalow 2 blocks from the ocean in Laguna Beach, CA. Son Bo (22) is a senior at Loyola Marymount U. in Los Angeles; Whitney (20) is a junior at U of CO in Boulder; Peter (14), a freshman at Laguna Beach h. s., surfs and plays water polo.

**Lee Carollo Boyes** confirms that this was the year of the big 50, but she has never felt better! Lee teaches h. s. chemistry and trains teachers in an environmental curriculum, which she also helps to edit and reform. Called Clean Air Challenge, it sponsored by industry. Teachers who attend receive free materials and a stipend! As part of that program, Lee traveled to China the past 2 summers to teach Chinese educators a curriculum that they can teach their students. This year they met with some high ranking government officials to talk about aggressive steps being taken to clean the air before the '08 Olympics. Several EPA representatives visited to help out. Lee saw **Tricia Mason Terraneo** in San Diego last summer when Lee's son graduated from UCSD. He will teach English at a project based h. s., San Diego. Lee welcomes SBC alums coming to San Francisco to give her a shout. She stays busy ballroom dancing with her husband, riding

whenever she gets a chance, and walking her dogs. She just got a Chesapeake Bay retriever puppy that keeps her busy along with her 2 nephews (1 and 3)!

**Carol Baugh Webster** reports that things are going well with her 2 businesses, Cassel International (international business consulting) and Chocolate Graphics (selling licenses in the U.S. for the technology to make personalized, embossed chocolates—very cool!). Twice she traveled to Australia to the corporate headquarters for Chocolate Graphics, which was great! Carol and husband Tim haven't had time to travel as much as they normally do, but last year spent a week at the beach in Gulf Shores with oldest stepson Brandon, his wife, and wonderful grandchildren Evan and Logan. In Oct., Carol and Tim went to Belize, which was fascinating! They missed all the hurricanes! In Feb. they spent a few days in Las Vegas with some of Carol's dear friends from h. s., celebrated 50th birthdays, enjoyed time together. Carol and Tim had their 10th anniversary, hope to do a special trip to celebrate it the next year or so.

**Barbara Behrens Peck** and family moved to Hong Kong for a 2 year "expat" assignment. Husband Jeff is with International Textile Group, running their new office in Hong Kong and traveling all over Asia. They've completed the 1st year and are just back from a summer holiday in NC (they kept their house in Greensboro), to begin the 2nd year. Daughters Sarah (16) and Haley (12) are great. Sarah loves the Hong Kong city life. Barbara says it's nice to have h. s. teenagers who are not allowed to drive; there is good, safe public transportation everywhere! Haley has lots of nice friends, and while she finds that girls' sports fall short, does not lack for social opportunities! They attend Hong Kong International School, and are having the experience of a lifetime. Barbara takes advantage of living in Hong Kong by taking classes, going on cultural tours, and painting. The Pecks also travel a great deal as a family. They've been to Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, and mainland China, places they never would have seen had they not been living in the heart of Asia! Barbara highly recommends giving the "expat" life a try if it is ever offered. She's amazed at the friendships forged in such a short time—it has definitely been worthwhile! Barbara would like to hear from any SBC-ers traveling to Hong Kong, would love to take you around!

**Suzanne Stryker Ullrich** teaches 6th grade science at a country day school, just gave up her 2nd job of the last 2 years as the executive director of a non-profit, volunteer-run after school program for 250-325 students. She and

husband Rick thought it a good time for Suzanne to start work on her master's in Education since they didn't have anyone in college this year. She took a class over the summer, started another this fall. Suzanne comments, "Yes, it is weird being one of the oldest in the class! But I have something many of them don't, experience." Rick is busy with many engineering projects around the country, and expanding into alternative energy. The family traveled to MT with him where he attended a conference, enjoyed spectacular Glacier National Park complete with 20 feet of snow in mid-Jun. at the summit. Son Ned, a senior, very much wants to go to the Naval Academy. He spent a week there in June getting a taste of it, came home more pumped up than before he went! He is on track, but still has to get the appointment! In the meantime they are in the throws of applications and college trips. Alex (25) is engaged and hopes to marry in autumn '07. Andrew graduated from Gettysburg May '06 and hopes to continue in theatre! He had a 5 day stint with a one man show in DC's inaugural Capitol Theatre Fringe Festival last summer while continuing backstage work for a major production, *For the Glory*, a musical about the Civil War, in Gettysburg's Majestic Theatre following its 16+ million dollar renovation. The musical will play again next summer and is well worth the trip! Suzanne recently saw **Jean Beard Barden** in CT.

**Katherine Powell Heller** and family visited wonderful destinations during the summer—Hilton Head Island, San Diego, Maui, and most spectacularly, the Galapagos Islands, where she spent her 50th. Her most time-consuming event had to be the first go-around with college applications. Daughter Laura Flynn could not be convinced to even LOOK at a girl's school, but Katherine and husband were thrilled that she came physically close, at least, will be attending UVA. They begin the h. s. years with daughter #2 and the pursuit of a driver's license. This will keep Katherine busy along with a major remodel of her house. Katherine was interested in the SBC Homecoming Weekend but was unable to attend.

**Jane Hemenway Sullivan** responded to our request for news with an invitation to all of our classmates to attend an SBC party in NYC. She reports that they had a wonderful collection of classes at the party and that club president, Yana Wagg, presided over the festivities with her 2 children! Jane also made her GA grandmother's lemon buttermilk pound cake for the event, which she calls her southern Sweet Briar cake. It was a hit! She hopes to start earlier in the summer next year, "snag" a few members of our class and will be

happy to offer a tour of the "Big Apple!" In July, Jane, husband Jay and kids met up with **Ike Osinga Scully** and son in MA at the Green Meadows Farm SBC get together that Joanne Holbrook Patton '52 hosts every year. Jane remarks that next to SBC, Mrs. Patton's farm is the most beautiful farm she's ever seen. Her children enjoyed all activities offered, including a first time canoe ride for daughter Elizabeth (10). Jane enjoyed several trips including the SBC Germany trip with Professor Horwege, which she said was a blast and was enjoying her house in the Hamptons (Remsenburg) when she wrote.

**Addy Eshbach Donnelly** wishes all of us a Happy 50th Birthday! She moved to St. Louis 2 years ago where her husband is a professor at Washington U. They've been renovating a house and Addy has been working at the Medical School as director of administration. She rides, but needs a good dose of Advil afterwards!

**Julia Sutherland** celebrated her 50th traveling to Russia for 2 weeks in June. She went first to Moscow, then into the countryside for a tour of small villages that surround the "Golden Ring" city. Next she was off to St. Petersburg and White Nights for a week. Her time there overlapped with the G-8 finance ministers meeting so she saw U.S. Secret Service and assorted financial ministers and aides from around the globe. Her celebration of this milestone birthday continues as she plans to see several classmates including **Ann Maricle Stefano, Sue Grist Russell, Lu Litton Griffin, Janet Smalley Todd** and **Jean Beard Barden** for a mini-reunion in Charleston, SC.

**Maggie Laurent Gordy** looks forward to a get together in Charlottesville with **Leigh Ramsay Simmons, Betsy Wood** and **Susan Negaard Harley** for a girls' weekend of shopping, pampering and house tours. More travels included ME and NYC in early Nov. Maggie works most school days at the local h. s. as a sub and has a long term team job (teaching English and Reading) from mid-Nov. to mid-Mar. She does make it up to the DC area to visit her Dad. Daughter Megan graduated from George Washington U. (magna cum laude) in English and works in Washington. Son John, starting his 2nd year at Appalachian State, is thinking of becoming a nurse! Husband Joe is busy at the hospital where he is now CEO. Maggie and Joe hope to go to Las Vegas after Christmas to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

**Ike Osinga Scully** lives in Simsbury, CT with husband Mark and 3 boys, Brendan (16), William (14) and Kirk (10). They are busy with the usual

kid stuff; music, sports, church youth group, and scouts. Ike participates in a choir, runs, and is Cub Scout pack chairwoman. They are considering renovating their 1841 house without taking away too much of its character, a real challenge. The process has led to an interesting search through town records on the house itself. Mark still works for Allianz in Munich, Germany, commutes back and forth. The family goes along sometimes which helps the boys keep up their German. Ike got together with **Jane Hemenway Sullivan** and family at a New England SBC Alumnae gathering at Joanne Holbrook Patton's '52 organic farm outside Boston in July which was fun and interesting. They got a look at what they are doing with the whole dairy complex which is interesting, exciting and sad all rolled up into one emotion.

**Toni Christian Brown** and husband Jim live on their 117 acre, Blue Grass Farm just 3 miles from Lexington with 6 horses, a donkey, 4 dogs and 2 cats. Both daughters graduated this past spring, Claibourne from Meredith Coll. and Finley from the Purnell School in NJ. Claibourne moved back to Lexington, working for Conservation Partners, LLC helping people with land conservation and the tax benefits thereof. Finley attends Guilford Coll. (Toni tried to get her to go to SBC). Toni and Jim started their own real estate firm specializing in farms, estates, historic properties, and conservation easements 2 years ago and have done very well. Anyone looking for property in the Shenandoah Valley, give them a call. Toni sees Robin Jones Eddy often as they have done several deals with her lately. Robin is great and shares all her Christmas cards with Toni (usually in Jul.) so she can keep up with all the news of other SBC-ers.

**Betsy Hurley Deimel** is very busy; she works as the finance director for Congressman Phil English, (R-PA). It's a 24/7 job this time of year, especially since he is also a candidate for Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. Betsy warns us that her daughter, Erica (16), has her driving permit! Where does the time go?

**Ann Thrash Jones**, husband Bob and Chris (25) work hard and enjoy life. Daughter Mary Pat (20) is a sophomore at SBC, on the Judicial Committee, the Riding Council and has a GPA to brag about!! Ann can't wait for Family Weekend '06, hopes to talk her sister Carole Thrash Collins '87 into attending Homecoming '07! Ann hopes to see many classmates at upcoming SBC events.

**Katie Renaud Baldwin** has been good about staying in touch with us! We hope she attends the next reunion. She had a blast when she went to MI this summer to visit family and h. s. friends.

She is in AK teaching kindergarten with another great class! Emily, a junior, has started volleyball season. Amanda is at college in Portland, OR. Katie enjoyed her visit this summer with Amanda! Husband Cary is working his last year at Petersburg Fisheries. Katie and Cary sold their house, will live in company housing until they all move to OR for the summer of '07. They will come back to AK for Emily's senior year in h. s. When Emily goes to college, Katie will return to DR where she plans to teach.

**Lucy Darby Meston**, a FL resident, spent the year in Colorado Springs with husband Eric. They toured the entire scenic state on his leave days. In June, while crossing the Continental Divide at Independence Pass (ht. of 12,500 ft); they were surprised by a summer snowfall! Lucy keeps in touch with **Karen Kuhlman Archebauer** and **Janet Smalley Todd**. Lucy wishes all of her classmates a Happy 50th Birthday!

**Becky Mulvihill McKenna** writes that she and husband Ken are suddenly facing an "empty nest." All 3 of their daughters have now moved on to college or other adventures! Oldest daughter Katie just graduated from Carleton Coll., is headed to the Peace Corps for 2 years. She will be stationed on a very primitive, remote island in the South Pacific in the country of Kiribati (north of Fiji). Becky wanted to raise her daughters to be strong and independent, but said this choice is a hard one for a mother to face. Daughter Maggie is beginning her junior year at Macalester Coll., also has creative plans in International Studies and Women and Gender Studies. Youngest daughter Erin just finished a challenging, month-long wilderness program canoeing/portaging in Ontario to prepare for freshman year at Earlham Coll. Becky remarks that it will be very interesting to see what it feels like for her and Ken to have real time to themselves after 22 years of carpools, parent/teacher conferences and "family dinners." While Ken continues as a college guidance counselor at SLUH, Becky stays busy doing a little graduate teaching and expanding her private practice to full-time. She is also president-elect for the Missouri Association for Marriage and Family Therapists. She has been doing more outdoor adventure/ experiential education groups which she loves. In addition to work and family commitments, Becky has found time to make 2 trips to New Orleans to do demolition and cleanup in one of the area's destroyed neighborhoods. She describes her service as "very rewarding," highly recommends it! She will be there on her 50th birthday!

**Janet Rakoczy** celebrated her 50th birthday with 75 of her closest family and friends at a party at her house.

Classmates **Carrie Ruda Clark** and **Paula Brown Kelley** attended. Sister Linda and a local restaurant prepared a delicious spread. Mother Nature provided the most beautiful July evening imaginable, no humidity, no bugs and a full moon! The margarita machine was the big hit! Janet stays busy working, volunteering, training her dog and trying to keep up with the yard and house. She's wondering if any classmates also love working Sudoku puzzles. Janet limits herself to one hard or very hard puzzle every day. She saw Laura Tucker '79 and **Becky Dane Evans** and her husband Larry at **Carrie Ruda Clark's** birthday party. Janet enjoys the time she and Paula spend together working on the class notes.

**Paula Brown Kelley** had an eventful year. In Sept. '05, she and her family were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of her father, Paul Brown. She appreciates the support she continues to receive from her SBC friends during a most difficult time. Her father was so happy that Paula attended SBC and enjoyed meeting all of her friends. He especially loved her stories! Her mother is slowly adjusting to her new life and remains strong in spirit! Their homes are within walking distance, so they are back and forth quite a bit. Children, Genny (11) and J.P. (14) continue to keep Jack and Paula busy while also offering those often needed hugs! J.P. is a h. s. freshman. He just made "Life" Scout during the summer and had a great time attending basketball camp at George Mason U. He was thrilled to meet some "final four" players! Genny is a 6th grader, loves all sports, and is Girl Scout. Both children attend Catholic schools in Fairfax. Paula is in her 8th year of running her own firm, Kelley Commercial Real Estate, Inc. She primarily helps companies find and lease office space in the D.C. area, but is also involved in sales. An additional responsibility includes running her father's property management company in Fairfax. Husband Jack still works for NASA in the DC headquarters. Jack and Paula attended his USNA 30th reunion in Sept. Paula reports that it was great to see so many of Jack's classmates (a fun group) and to see Navy win its first game of the season. Paula enjoys the contact she still maintains with several classmates. She had a blast at Janet Rakoczy's 50th birthday celebration! Janet had a wonderful party filled with great friends, delectable food, a DJ and members of her special family. When Paula left her party, Janet was still dancing! Paula made a special birthday trip to Montreal to visit with old friends.

Happy Birthday to all and thank you for your contributions!

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Hello classmates! Since so many sent news for the Oct. magazine, there weren't as many responses to this call for news. The next magazine comes out in Jun. '07; the deadline for class notes is 4/1/07. I would love to hear from you.

**Carol Hayes Hunley** writes from Pittsburgh, PA: "I see **Vickie Archer** occasionally although we're both in the same stage of craziness between work and kids. Vickie, an attorney, is doing well at Buchanan Ingersoll; I'm doing well at PNC. We had a visit from **Maggie McCarthy Stoeffel** this past summer and were thrilled to spend 1 short night catching up. It didn't take long to revert to our old comfort level and memories! Maggie and I have oldest daughters who are freshman in school—Maggie's daughter Katherine is at Brown and my daughter Barbie is at St. Mary's in IN. I still have a sophomore (she accompanied me to SBC for the reunion) in h. s. and a 5th grade son. I'm in a rut of not saying no enough and am very active my church and the local Presbytery. Believe it or not, I'm going back to school next year; the bank is sending me to an executive course at Wharton on Advanced Risk Management. I wish that I hadn't skirted the statistics requirement at SBC years ago! I'm going to need tutoring from my daughters (and maybe my son?). Wish me luck!

**May Carter Barger** spent a wonderful weekend with **Nan Dabbs Loftin**, **Jane Terry**, and **Allison Roberts Greene**. Blowing Rock in the NC mountains. "We shopped, laughed and ate a lot, and all missed the good old days when we could party all night. Instead, we were asleep before midnight and our feet hurt from too much shopping. It was the peak of fall season and a wonderful time." May and

her daughter Josie (11) vacationed with Allison and her daughter Mackenzie to the Home of Elvis Presley! "We had a blast. We were there during Elvis week and got to see the top 3 Elvis impersonators in the world, unbelievable." Son Ben (9) is 100% boy and oh so much fun to watch grow.

**Mary Boehling Schwartz** writes: "Richard and I celebrated our 20th anniversary in Nov. Daughter Sarah is a sophomore at Wake Forest U. and son Michael (11) is in his last year of elem. school. Richard and I are social science research geeks. I've been in housing and mortgage market policy research 20+ years, currently work in the American Housing Survey Branch of the US Census Bureau. Richard works for Duke's Center for Demographic Studies on America's long-term care of the elderly. He will be leaving Duke soon; the grant was not funded again."

**Sandy Meads Jeffries** has been living in Pinehurst, NC for almost 10 years, teaches 3rd grade at Pinehurst Elem. "This is my 26th year teaching and I still love it! I have recently earned my Masters in Elementary Education and have completed the National Board Certification process. My oldest son (21) attends JMU. Middle daughter Becky is a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill and loving it. Youngest Katie, a junior in h. s., is interested in SBC! YEAH! I plan on making the next reunion; I missed the last reunion because of graduation!"

In Sept., **Kearsley Walsh**, **Brendy Reiter Hantzes**, **Mary Kate Ferguson**, **Tressa Blaine Lange** and I did lunch in Old Town Alexandria. It was fun to see each other. All classmates are welcome to join in, the more, the merrier.

In Oct., **Brendy Hantzes** hosted a Harvest Party at her home in Chantilly, VA. House, table, and food were perfect. Brendy is very creative and everyone had a wonderful time. **Kearsley Walsh**, **Tressa Lange**, **Mary Schwartz**, **Mary Kate Ferguson** were there; it was fun to catch up. Brendy got together with **Eve Devine** and writes "I talked Eve into buying the most beautiful coat. I thought she deserved it to celebrate her promotion." Brendy is very excited to have Harrison and Will home for the Thanksgiving Break.

As for me, in Jul., with the help of SBC area alumnae, I hosted a "Back to School" luncheon at my house. There were 30 people, including alumnae, husbands, children, a new student, and her mother, but **NO SBC students**. Oh well, they missed the fun and pink and green M&M's. Things are good in Annapolis. John and I work out of the home sharing an office, which has worked out well. I'm now the mother of a teenager! Mary turned 13 in Nov. I realize

that for some of you this is a "been there, done that" experience, but for me it's all new. Any words of wisdom are most welcome! Elizabeth, "Lizzie," (9) is happy in 4th grade, a huge Nancy Drew fan. She and I went to Williamsburg in Oct., a wonderful time.

Thank you Brendy, Carol, Mary, May, and Sandy for sending news. It was nice to hear from you and I hope to hear from more classmates for the Apr. 1 deadline. I'll send you a notice, feel free to write news anytime or just say hello.

1982

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*Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007*

Please note my new address in the NC Mountains and send your pink info sheet for our 25th Reunion Scrapbook! Didn't you always think that people going to their 25th were old? Obviously WE are still young, but this is a big milestone and a special reunion year. I hope to see you there. We'll share SBC history and you will find that you really have fun reconnecting with old friends and making new ones with classmates you barely knew. So put aside your hesitations and come! Let's look forward to encouraging each other and celebrating together. (I think the class of '82 is particularly entertaining and fun!)

**Lucile Redmond Flournoy**  
faithfully sent in her form. This fall she, husband, and youngest daughter enjoyed foxhunting as a family.

**Deborah Price Bowman** is in Short Hills, NJ. She and husband Jeff have Kate (10) and Kessler (5). Debbie is an avid doubles tennis player and serves in a leadership role in several local non-profits. She also enjoys live rock concerts!

**Ginny Beverly Parker** is in the SC "low country" working as a portrait photographer. She and husband Walter are busy parenting Tom who is in 4th grade. Ginny is also a Presbyterian deacon and a certified yoga instructor.

**Cathy Adams Miller** is still in Grafton, VA where she is Dir. of Pharmacy for Riverside Behavioral Health Center. She and David have 2 girls in middle school. Cathy enjoys horseback riding and hopes she can come to reunion. (So do I!)

**Brianna Boswell Brown** is making plans for reunion. Will Randy come too? The activities of her children (10, 14, and 17) keep her on the run, but she will readily agree that they are worth the trouble!

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It's so fun to hear from each of you! Great news! **Leslie Corrado** is engaged, Jun. wedding in DE. Christen Anderson Abernethy '89 will be a bridesmaid; many SBC girls expect to attend. Leslie and fiancé David live a bicoastal life between San Francisco and Rehoboth Beach, DE. She works as a b&w family photographer, studios on both coasts. Leslie saw **Katie Keogh Weidner** a few times last summer in Rehoboth. She and husband Doug have 6 kids between them. Leslie photographed them on the beach: "they make the most adorable family!"

**Cecilia Moore** had a fabulous time at Homecoming. The highlight of the weekend was the celebration of the capital campaign's successful conclusion (over 100 million raised). SBC threw a

grand party reminiscent of the Great Gatsby. Cecilia "almost expected F. Scott and Zelda to make an appearance." The flowers were gorgeous, the food tasty and abundant, and the company outstanding. The only thing that would've made it better was more members of the Class of 1988. Cecilia was the lone representative. But, she did get to enjoy the evening with Elizabeth Lindsey '86, Emmy Leung '89, Joann Bogolin '89, and Vikki Schroeder '87 along with many other members of the classes of the late 80s. She hopes more will attend Homecoming '07.

**Jennifer Bach Rosen** reports things look good in New Orleans. They're back in their house after a very quiet hurricane season. WHEW! She has a new role at Newman as Director of Admissions, really enjoys it! Her boys are Matthew (9) and Will (6). Matt will go to sleep-away camp this summer in NC! She invites anyone in New Orleans to visit.

**Ellyn Palermio Theophilopoulos** and husband Dean have 4 kids: Joi (9), Ty (7), Alex (5), and Drew (3). They live in Tarpon Springs, FL. Ellyn is in her 2nd year of law school at Stetson U., St Petersburg. She plans to do volunteer work at an indigent clinic to keep her MD skills sharp. She hopes to work in some sort of health law or medical malpractice defense job after law school. Ellyn would love to hear from classmates: [ellyntheo@yahoo.com](mailto:ellyntheo@yahoo.com).

**Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz** reports that daughter Kacki just started h. s., and twins Burgen and Webb joined her at Palmer Trinity Prep. Chandler (2nd grade) is getting big. They've been busy with remodeling and Alan is building an office on the house. Kathryn is doing great and hopefully by the year's end will be well enough to get back to playing sports.

**Nancy McDonald**, living in Cary, NC, really loves it. She teaches 3rd grade and loves the challenge it brings every day! Nancy ran into **Cindy Rhoades Harper** at a restaurant in Apex, NC. "It was amazing that she even recognized me as 20 years does a lot to some people!"

**Stacy Meadows Apter** reports that life is good. Joshua is 9; Abi (6) is in 1st grade. They're fantastic kids and keep Tom and Stacy on their toes! After 17 years in the consulting world, she has moved to the "corporate side", leaving Pricewaterhouse Coopers to join The Coca-Cola Company. She works with non-US benefits, still "consulting" with non-US operations from the inside. It has been a great move, full of new learning experiences.

**Kem McCoid Roth** enjoys motherhood. Edie (3½) is enjoying her 2nd year of nursery school, loves ballet, anything pink. Molly (1½) is a happy, bubbly little thing, except when pushed around too much by her big sister.

Husband Chris continues work at Morgan Stanley, London. Kem spent much of last year working on building a new house at the NJ shore with Chris's parents. The internet is amazing as she could do much of the work from London. It was complete enough for them to stay there in Jul. '06 has been a busy travel year for them. They skied in Vail last Feb., hope to make it an annual event. Jun. found them in San Diego for a family wedding and Disneyland so Edie could meet all the princesses! Kem and girls spent Aug. with her family in ME; Chris joined them to celebrate her 40th birthday. Sept. saw them back in NJ for Chris' brother's wedding; Edie was a flower girl. Kem and Chris had a quick trip to ME Columbus Day weekend for her cousin's wedding. They're now staying put for a bit and look forward to family and friends visiting them!

**Lisa N. Thompson** says '06 has been much better than '05. Last year, she lost her dad. He died suddenly of a heart attack at the young age of 63, but he passed away under great circumstances: he was dancing the twist with 3 young women in the Bahamas at the time. He's with her mom who died 6 years ago and that brings great comfort to her. Her law practice in Vero Beach, FL has been crazy busy, but she tries to add more balance in her life with fun and adventure. She celebrated turning 40 with friends in NYC, Christmas was spent in the NC Mountains, she went on a tour with a group of friends to Egypt in the spring—"it was awesome! Truly incredible to see the pyramids and other structures that have been in existence for over 5,000 years; cruising on the Nile to see the country was sooo cool." She traveled to New Orleans, the Bahamas, and just returned from NM for the Albuquerque Annual Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. She went up in a hot air balloon for the 1st time, much more enjoyable than sky diving! Her brother and his wife expect another girl this Christmas, so she will have 3 beautiful nieces! They're season ticket-holders for the Miami Dolphins who haven't had a great season, but they as a family enjoy traveling to the games, tailgating, and watching. Niece Lynsey (3) loves going to the Dolphin games in her Dolphin cheerleader outfit! (Both nieces, Kayla and Lynsey were Dolphin cheerleaders for Halloween). She keeps in touch with **Stacy Meadows Apter**, who just turned 40 too. "We hope to coordinate our work schedules for a family trip somewhere exotic!"

**Kathryn Ingham Reese** says that "life is swell!" She finally has both girls with her at Tower Hill. Elliot is in Pre-kindergarten and Landon is in 1st grade. They think they're teenagers. As for Kathryn, she teaches 6th and 8th grade English at Tower Hill School, coaches middle school



volleyball and lacrosse. She tried to train for a marathon, but she is injured. "Needless to say, life is a bit too hectic for me!" She has seen a bit of **Katie Keogh Weidner**—they played golf with **Kate Cole Hite** this summer; it was a blast. She's proud of husband Bart. He started a h. s. for students with learning differences (Layton Preparatory school); it doubled in size in 1 year! They bought land and are building a permanent facility sometime next year. The woman who started the school with him has a daughter who is a sophomore at RMWC, so Kathryn has had an insider's account of the happenings there and says it's "fascinating!"

Speaking of Kate Cole Hite, her husband surprised her with a 40th birthday gathering at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, VA. **Whitney Bolt Lewis, Katie Keogh Weidner** and **Minta Jones Ford** joined Kate for shopping, dining, spa-ing, and catching up. Whitney says they had a fantastic time, everyone looked terrific! Life is good for Whitney in Charlotte—the hospital and the family. They're preparing for their 1st ski trip this winter, in Park City & Deer Valley, with the boys—(4 and 6). It should be interesting, lots of fun!

**Stacey Sickels Heckel** has a new position as Executive Director of the Anne Arundel Community College Foundation. She enjoys having a position that is a part of the Annapolis, MD community. Stacey and David still swing dance and entered the Virginia State Swing Dance Competition as a part of a lindy hop team routine (they placed 4th). Her synchronized figure skating team, [www.iceforceone.org](http://www.iceforceone.org), is gearing up for a great season. She'll be competing in Providence, RI for Easterns and Colorado Springs, CO for Nationals in Feb. if there are any SBC pals there. Sons Kent (10) and Leland (8) play soccer, lacrosse, and hockey. They sing with All Children's Chorus of Annapolis. Sister Susan Sickels Dyer '91 had emergency surgery this fall. She's doing well now. Stacey occasionally sees Kate Cole Hite on the soccer and lacrosse fields (sons the same age) and ran into Renata Leckszas Davis '85 at the Annapolis Cotillion (their sons are the same age). Stacey is thrilled that **Leslie Corrado** will marry next Jun. "Her fiancée is fantastic." Stacey met him on a trip to San Francisco, then saw her lovely parents while in DE this summer. Stacey gets updates on **Christina Savage Lytle**—a "super Mom" to her charming children, Lucie and Leslie. **Heather Shettle Buerger** is doing great. Stacey enjoys meeting her in Baltimore (She's taking some trips to NY to pursue her dream job as an arts lawyer). **Sonja Gruhl Dupourque** will move east to Atlanta soon. Her 2 sons are adorable. Stacey saw Sonja in CA while on a trip

for skating. Stacey was devastated to learn of the sudden passing of Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun '95, a ray of light to SBC and all of us.

**Ro DeVirgiliis Putz** is working as a library assistant at SBC. She and Pat Caldwell Richeson '91 are putting together a list of Turning Point students who graduated in '88 and trying to get them together for a dinner.

I heard from **Tish Holmes Vest**, a classmate our freshman year, graduated from Lake Forest Coll., in Lake Forest, IL. She made it back to VA, has lived in Natural Bridge for 10 years, married with 3 children: Walter (12), Sarah (8), Anna (3). She expects her 4th child in Apr. She trains horses, teaches riding lessons out of a lovely 450 acre facility called Windhorse Farm. She would love to hear from SBC alums, especially from freshman roommate, **Lori Mcgee Lawler**.

**Caroline Reu Rolader** practices architecture with Summerour Architects, Atlanta. For the past 4 years her main focus has been the renovation and addition to the Old Edwards Inn in Highland, NC. It has been an experience to complete 5 blocks of work. She makes frequent trips to the West Coast and Europe for work and pleasure. Her firm has an office in Florence, Italy, so her 2 boys, Holcombe (8) and Xan (5) went to Italy for the summer. She will count it 1 of the hardest, yet most rewarding things she has ever done. Everyone had a wonderful time; all have the bug to return. Caroline says she rarely sees many SBC faces, hopes to get back in the loop.

**Denise Landau Blind** says: "Things are great here in New Jersey! The kids keep us busy, but thanks to our flexible work schedules, we spend a lot of time with them! They're really good, happy kids!" Tyler enjoys his 1st year of middle school, plays baseball all year (wintertime practice in NY Giants practice arena). He's got a great curveball and change-up! He plays basketball and is in a Sat. morning bowling league with his twin cousins. Recently, he bowled a 288! Chelsea is an avid gymnast, competes at Level 6, loves it. They travel all over with a great bunch of families. They recently took a long weekend in FL to visit Denise's brother and 3 girls. The weekend before Christmas, 17 family members go to Disney, a yearly tradition!

**Susan Detweiler** has arrived in McMurdo for her fourth season "on the ice." Her seasonal email is now: [susan.detweiler@usap.gov](mailto:susan.detweiler@usap.gov). Her Antarctic photo website is available at: [phase.com/antarctic\\_suze](http://phase.com/antarctic_suze). She's having quite an adventure!

**Caroline Corum** accepted a new position, will be relocating to San Francisco. She looks forward to meeting area SBC alumnae.

**Beth Stookey Sargent** and husband Doug expect a baby in late Oct. As I write this, they're waiting impatiently.

Cecilia Moore has edited a book due out in Dec. It can be pre-ordered from Amazon and qualifies for super-saver shipping. She enjoyed getting to "rib" CC about how she must be really big-time if she qualifies for super-saver shipping!

I'm still a crazy working mom with a very energetic 4-year old. Kathleen does gymnastics, dance, and soccer. She started pre-K, loves it. John and I enjoy trying to keep up with her. We had a wonderful family vacation in Mexico in Aug. I think I'm ready for another one already. I really look forward to seeing all of you for our 20th reunion!

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**Kelly Langdon Wooster**, independent consultant for the humanitarian field, has been living with husband Paul in the UK for 5 years. Kelly's career in relief began after the devastating earthquakes in Turkey in '99 where she became Country Director for a relief agency called Mercy Corps. Kelly has completed short term projects for various relief agencies in The Gambia, Guinea-Conakry, Malawi and Kenya. In '05, she assisted victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka through training, distributions and helping the tourism industry recover. Most recently, Kelly has been working in earthquake relief for Pakistan. She has managed a UNHCR-funded programme with 5 field offices to provide training for local and international humanitarian agencies across the earthquake zones of Pakistan. After her 6th trip to Pakistan this year, she looks forward to a trip to Australia with her husband and a relaxing holiday at home in the UK.

**Anne Crow Galanides** enjoys being home with 3 kids. She is training to run the Richmond Marathon in Nov. in memory of her brother. When their hectic schedules allow, she loves catching up with classmates **Mamie Farmer Farley** and **Dawn Monahan Nelson** and visiting Becki Finkbeiner Streett '90 while home in Little Rock.

**Karen Hott** has stayed busy with design work in Atlanta, possibly some work in VA soon. She adopted another pug for Charlotte and hosted a networking social with Ansley Merritt Conner '87. Attendees included **Stephanie White Frost** as well as Lucia Marks Kern '94, Caitlin Sunby Russell '94 and Caroline Newton Smith '92. She keeps up with Norah Wagner Smith '92 and Julie Brooks '90. Karen was recruited by wonderful Sweet Briar Alumna Camille Williams Yow '55 to be the Raffle Chair for the Decorator's Showhouse to benefit the Atlanta Symphony. She thought it was great to see everyone at Reunion and especially being together to remember Arleigh.

**Dawn Monahan Nelson** reports all is well in the Nelson house: 2 new lab puppies and an addition to begin soon. (Dawn, we're guessing that's an addition to the house, not children!?) Mamie Farmer Farley, **Anne Crow Galanides** and she had a fun outing recently. Anne is getting ready to run the Richmond Marathon. Go Anne!

**Elliott Pitts** is enjoying life in lovely Portland, ME; she is the Development Director at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and continues to work on her Master's Degree in Organizational Development and Training, with a certificate in Project Management. "I swear I'm going to be more organized than Beth Robinson Dean, even if it means a million years of grad school!" She says it was WONDERFUL to see everyone at our 15th Reunion, encourages everyone to come to the 20th! "The more the merrier!"

**Christine Flint Canterbury** writes that her husband Joe took her on a 2nd honeymoon around the world. For their 12th wedding anniversary she went with him on a business trip to Amsterdam, Beijing, and Shanghai for 8 glorious days! They've never left the 3 kids for more than 2 days, it was a BIG treat. She came back a new woman and highly recommends a 2nd honeymoon!

**Marie Wright Halder** writes from Simi Valley, CA where she and husband Craig have 1 daughter Abby (6) and expect another baby, Feb. '07. Craig works in Finance at Amgen in Thousand Oaks, CA and keeps in touch with **Vickie Campo Byrd, Stacey Lawrence Lee, Carlin McKenna Moroney, Jennifer Gregg, Al Doucette** and **Susan Sickels Dyer**.



**Lorraine Stanley Greer** and husband Tom welcomed Alexander Lloyd Greer into the world on 8/4/06. He's a blessing and very content baby boy. She also finalized her father's estate this year, now the sole owner of Coastal Electronics, Inc., her parent's business started over 57 years ago. They're staying busy with the new baby, a new home, and being very active in a variety of community programs. In addition to these committees, Lorraine is active in the SBC AAR program and the Wilmington area alumnae club. She and Tom attended this year's Homecoming and gala celebration for the Campaign for Her World and say, "It was a fabulous weekend. It's amazing what SBC accomplished with this campaign." She hopes everyone is doing well and looks forward to seeing everyone at our next Reunion.

**Ruth Ewers** will finish the requirements for her Master of Science in Social Work and Human Services, Christmas '06. She plans to take a long rest and visit a friend in Italy, spring '07. She's a social worker at Region Ten Community Services Board, Charlottesville. She and husband Bob (an Architectural Conservator at Monticello) live in and are restoring our early 19th century home, hope to complete the project in 2 years. Son Logan is in Charlottesville; they hope he stays.

**Nandini Sett Ghosh Dastidar** writes: "My career life has been like a rolling stone, but thanks to liberal arts education and SBC for teaching us to blend in. After SBC, I was working on my PhD in Biochem at Saint Louis U. where I got B average to get paid scholarship, but since I was sick I was told to go home. On returning to India, I studied a diploma course in IT (Systems Advanced Management course) and got myself a job in the IT field. Worked 5 years in India, then worked in UK at Lucent Technologies, no luck there either. I loved my life in UK, but in the department, from doorman to chairman, all jobs were redundant. That was the end of software engineering for me, came home again. I worked as a teacher to the underprivileged children, then studied Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer which got me jobs in Delhi, but not for my qualification. I sounded too American over the phone. I worked as an owl and that, let me tell you friends, is no fun. You can't party like you did in college. I gave it all up and advertised. Looked for a hubby and I met him on the internet; he thought I was hilarious over the phone (or hilariaSS recalling those good old college days). He proposed on the 1st date; I said yes. (By the way, Amber V. told me to write a book on how I managed and that would make a best seller. Excellent idea, thanks.) We're going to celebrate our 1st

anniversary Nov 17, '06. I worked as a housewife for 10 months, but I added a special feature... presently I'm training as a travel agent. Might as well do what we love the most: travel."

**Erin Katz** is a private practice Urologist in the Tampa Bay, FL. She completed fellowship training at the Cleveland Clinic Florida Hospital last year in Female Urology and Reconstructive Surgery after completing Urology training at the U. of Chicago. In her spare time, she's learning to sail, windsurf, continues to play tennis. She keeps in touch with Kristina Glusac '92 and **Joan Dabney Clickner**. She'll travel to New Zealand Nov. '06 for a little R & R.

**Stephanie White Frost** lives outside of Atlanta in Alpharetta, GA and sees SBC alums on a regular basis: **Karen Hott**, **Caroline Newton Smith**, **Norah Smith**, **Lucia Marks**, and **Caitlin Russell**. She escapes the suburbs occasionally for a much needed girls' night out! She spends a lot of time with daughter Eleanor (18 months) and son Blair (8). She and fiance, Jerry Rocha, are in the midst of planning a small wedding for family and close friends. Look for that announcement next time! She would love to hear from anyone in the area or passing through. Her email is [svfrost@yahoo.com](mailto:svfrost@yahoo.com)

**Susan Sickels Dyer** writes, "I'm struggling through a lengthy recovery from major abdominal surgery—I had my colon/large intestine removed, and have an awful post-op infection. A 17" incision, which had to be left open and packed, so the organs could heal from the inside out, is now stapled and healing. Fortunately, pathology reports confirmed clean margins, and I've lost 40 pounds & counting (although I don't recommend this weight loss plan!). Husband Ken, sons Kenny and Teddy, and yellow labs Luke and Stanley, are doing the best they can. Our church and community have been incredibly supportive (meals every night, dog walks, house cleaning, grocery shopping, transporting the boys to hockey practices in Seattle, etc.) We built a new house on Bainbridge Island, and were in the midst of massive landscaping projects when my health deteriorated. I'm hoping to return to the garden in spring." I'm sure I speak for our entire class in sending our best thoughts and prayers your way Susie for a quick recovery!

**Allene Doucette** and husband Billy settled into their new home in San Diego. Alastair Tindall Casler arrived on 09/14/06 (her mother's birthday). The pups love the great weather there.

**Penny Tadler** continues to teach 5th grade, NYC. She loves her job and enjoys her international student body. She works closely with the Teacher's College Reading and Writing project to create new and exciting curriculums for the

city schools. She presented her ideas on Social Studies at the National Convention for Teacher's of English, Nashville, TN in Nov. '06. She also tutors, continues her work as a youth minister, and works as a member of the Long Island Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Council. She is in the process of moving, hopes to be settled in by the next magazine.

**Elizabeth Hensley Martin**, husband Jay, and 2 children, Katherine (10) and Tyler (6) have been living in Valencia, Spain since '03. Returned in the summer '06. Living in Spain has been a wonderful experience for the entire family.

**Mamie Farmer Farley** is in Richmond, VA doing the mom thing. Husband Matthew, now partner in a small law firm, (Armstrong Bristow and Farley!) does trusts and estates (wills etc). Children keep her busy: Miller (7) is in the same class with Scotch Nelson, son of **Dawn Monahan Nelson**. Harry (5) in kindergarten, and Joanie (2 ½) is totally into princesses. Still enjoy memories from the 15th reunion at SBC.

**Carey Bates** lives in Southbury, CT, a Technical Writer for Computershare. Spent a week in Friendship, ME this summer with partner Allison and pug, Archie. Allison, full-time at grad. school, works for a web-hosted data management software company (Therap Services) part-time. Carey plays lots of golf and works too much. She is planning a trip to Ireland in celebration of Allison's graduation from Sacred Heart U. After 20 years, she quit smoking and this has allowed her to save money for a trip!

**Brice McRae Tunison** writes: "What a great reunion we had! It was so great to catch up! It seems like yesterday we were all there! Things down in GA are the same. Still riding horses and raising 3 children with husband Jim. Laura is 10, Kate 8, and Will 6. They're great soccer players; only Laura is crazy about the horses like me. Kate and Will would rather hunt with Jim! We still love every minute on the farm. If you are down in my area give us a call! 229-263-7334 [bricetunison@alltel.net](mailto:bricetunison@alltel.net). I look forward to our next reunion!

**Cathi Tavi Goslau-Rainold** writes: "I finally married 8/26/06 to Emile Anton Rainold IV, from New Orleans. I saw the devastation of Katrina, horrible, but I helped fix his family home. We reside in Summit County, CO where Anton owns a business, Colorado Kite Force, and I continue in my sales with property management. We're working on our 1st family! I teach the 4H equestrian club here and keep in touch with **Jill Randles**, **Cheryl Bishop** **Brice Tunison McRae**, Holly Duello Dometrorch '93, **Teresa Jones**, **Tammy Fein** and **Amy Bingaman**. Would like to hear from Niki Coello Hyman '93.

**Lorraine Stanley Greer**, **Kerstin Ann Chrisman Castronuovo** and **Leslie Carson Hyatt** '92!"

**Squiffy Walker Christopher** lives in Richmond with husband Robert and 2 daughters: Wizzie (8) and Sallie (5). She teaches pre-school; Robert is a librarian. She keeps in touch with **Margo TenBroeck Calkin**, Joie Roderick Tankard '90, and Chris Carriere Zazulak '90. My girls are busy with school and they're on a local gymnastics team!

**Megan Read Lindberg** writes: "Eric, Sutter (9), Tessa (8) (who changed her name from Sophie last year), Logan (3) and I live in Lafayette, CA with our animals. I ride and breed reining/working cow horses. Eric works for Grocery Outlet. We're coming to the end of a long challenging and fun project of building a house. We have room for visitors, would love to see anyone willing to make the trek out west."

**Joan Dabney Clickner** still lives in Charlottesville, VA with husband Bobby and son Ian (5). Baby #2 is finally underway, due Mar. '07. Who knew getting pregnant was so tricky! She works part-time doing easy office stuff for a real estate developer. She also volunteers with a riding therapy program, which allows her to get out in the countryside and play with ponies! Still planning to one day be a horse person again. She can be reached at [joanbob9@juno.com](mailto:joanbob9@juno.com)

**Signee Hoffman Swartley** writes: "Our lives are changing. My husband Curt Swartley '90 (J-term trip to Europe 1990) and I expect our 1st child in Mar., so this spring when you read this I'll be in the throws of labor pains. My chiropractic practice is doing very well, and Curt is a history teacher nearby."

**Karen Holland Carlisle** had her 1st baby, Christopher Hayden, at the end of May. He commutes with her into Chicago everyday. She's been bombarding **Elise Scott Via** and Sharon Bitner '89 with baby pics. Still in Dyer, IN, misses the South during winter.

Gar and I, **Vickie Campo Byrd** enjoy life in Fort Lauderdale, FL keep busy with 3 children, Garnett (6), Ellie (3 ½), and Caroline (16 months). Gar works at MarQuipt, manufactures marine equipment, stairs, ladders, and davits for power boats from 50 to 200 ft long. We're thankful no hurricanes made landfall in south FL this year after Wilma, Katrina, and all the others! We all loved being back at SBC for our 15th reunion in May; look forward to seeing more classmates at the next one. For those who did not receive a reminder email about these class notes, please contact either me or **Mamie Farmer Farley** so we can include you in the email list. Thanks to **Penny Tadler** for her hard work as Secretary, and thanks to **Karen Hott** for continuing to serve as Class President.

# 1992

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From traveling the globe, to celebrating milestones, to getting new jobs and promotions, to competing in marathons, the class of '95 never slows down! Here's the latest...

**Gwen Hickey Babcock** got back from a 10 day/10 year wedding anniversary trip to St. Barths with her husband Devin. Gwen writes "It was the most incredible time, the 2 of us had uninterrupted conversations and morning sleep-ins! But we did miss our Kaeden, who turned 4 on 9/30 and started her 1st year of preschool in Sept." Devin works tons of hours with high profile clients (P&G, Volvo, Cadbury Candy) at his engineering consulting firm; Gwen is settling into her Co-Director of Youth Ministry position at her church.

**Beverly Stone Dale** is happy to announce that she and husband Jeff expect a BABY! The little bambino or bambina is due 6/2/07. Being that Beverly is a teacher, you can't plan things any better than that!

**Katie Maxwell Schellhammer** reports that she, **Heather Aspinwall**, **Catherine Orr Nihem**, **Anna Reilly**, and **Kathy Whitby** visited SBC in late Sept. for a mini-reunion. "Catherine flew in from TX! **Tory McClintock Wade** and **Janae Thomas** visited as well. The campus was quiet for reading days, but oh so beautiful! We shopped in the book shop, ate at the Briar Patch, drank beers in the Bistro, walked the Dairy, ate Sun.

brunch in Prothro, and took a tour of Sweet Briar House & Daisy's bedroom! (SBC was launching their new museum exhibit about Domestic Service in the Gilded Age South.) Catherine and I left our husbands alone with our toddler boys (we each have 2), and were happy to report that both households did splendidly. Jane expects a baby in Dec.

On a more somber note, **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun**'s husband John has found a nanny for little Drew. Both Heather and I have spent time with the new nanny, really like her. We do miss our Byrd though.

**Harleen Singh** is still an Assistant Professor of Literature and Women's Studies at Brandeis U. near Boston. Harleen says, "Come visit."

**Molly Becherer Hasty** completed her training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and has accepted a faculty position at the Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. They've moved home and are now surrounded by family and old friends. Daughter Lucy turned 3. She says husband Derek is adjusting to daily life with his in-laws. Life is good.

Down the road in Louisville, KY, **Kimberly Roda Moorhead** and husband Tim (W&L) love newest addition Claire. Kimberly says she is such a happy baby, and Georgia adores being a big sister!

**Catherine Orr Nihem** writes: "Jack and I have settled into our new home in Dallas, and enjoy the milder weather. Twins Connor and Tyler celebrated their 2nd birthday; we are bracing ourselves for double of the terrible 2s! **Gretchen Vida**, **Kara Dickey Moore**, **Elizabeth Dunck Hayes** and I met in FL for a girls' weekend, a great time. We even drank cheap beer and burned ourselves lying out all day. Catherine also says she had a great time at the SBC mini-reunion in Sept. with Katie, Kathy, Anna and Heather, but couldn't believe one of the recent changes, "can you believe they do not serve pitchers in the Bistro anymore?" But walking the dairy is still as beautiful as always, even without the cows."

**Sarah Clifford Weaver** and Bob celebrated their 11th Anniversary! Time flies when you're having fun! Sarah started working as a studio manager at Manassas Clay in Old Town Manassas. She's been making pottery, sells her work at their gallery. Oldest son RJ (7) is in 1st grade. Tyler (4) is in preschool. Both boys keep her busy and the only time she sits down is when she makes her pots.

**Kelly Hall** emailed from Croatia: "I'm sailing around the Mediterranean right now, teaching for the US Navy on board the USS Mason. I'll be here for 2 months and am looking forward to more exciting port visits."

**Cathy Cummings** traveled the globe all year and wrote in after I pestered:

"After completing my Ironman race this summer, I need to give a "Holla Holla" to **Holly Miller Mallos**, **Lucile Page Martin** and **Nancy Weigle** for their support and encouragement; without it, I wouldn't have crossed the finish line. And I can't forget sister Christen '97 who also did the race and made sure we crossed the line together. It was a long, tough, humbling experience, but made me appreciate SBC and the invaluable friendships built there.

I celebrated with a trip to London and Ireland, spent a few days at Wimbledon. In London, I visited with Connor Louis Guntrip '97 and husband Martin as they entertained me while we watched incredible tennis from old broadcast booth tickets on Centre Court. Earlier this summer, I was promoted and switched departments at the bank. I'm now working on the Enterprise Media team managing our advertising and media planning and buying for the sports marketing, foundation local market divisions at Bank of America. After Ironman, I decided to make life more hectic and run the Chicago marathon this fall too. It was fun to run by a lot of Holly's old watering holes that she frequented while attending Northwestern. They weren't the same after Holly left. I just returned from Dallas where I attended **Robin Hendrickson Morgan**'s baby shower, hosted by **Holly Prothro Philbin**. She and Will expect a boy in early Jan. Holly looks great, does a great job managing 3 adorable boys who keep her busy."

As for me, I've been fortunate to see Cathy in her travels, and saw her in Oct. when she participated in Baltimore's 1st annual Jenga Tournament. The girl is fearless. I caught up with **Lucile Page Martin** on the phone; she and husband Bud are doing GREAT in Atlanta with Carter (2) and Mary (4 months). Lucile still works as an anesthesiologist part-time, which leaves her plenty of time to resume her pole dancing, a great way to shed those pregnancy pounds! She and Bud completed the new addition (wing) to their house and are thankful the worker who fell through her dining room wasn't injured too badly. On that note, please keep sending me your latest gossip. I'll be sure we get you in the next issue!

# 1996

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**Victoria Gajda-Hartwell** married Jehmal David Hartwell 5/06/06 in a beautiful beachside wedding with a theme set to "Lone Palm" by

Jimmy Buffett (of course!). **Linda W. Towers** was the maid of honor. Pictures can be viewed at [www.coconutrepublicparrotheadclub.com](http://www.coconutrepublicparrotheadclub.com); click on the Wedding link. The happy couple honeymooned in the Southern Caribbean on a Carnival Cruise leaving port from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Victoria was very excited to be back in her element working in the Emergency Room at Holmes Regional as a Registered Nurse/EMT-P in Aug. The newlyweds also took their annual Key West trip in Nov. for MOTM with all of their Parrothead Phriends. When Victoria and Jehmal are not working they are busy playing with Jehmal's son Devon (12) and daughter Olivia (9) and of course taking care of their "mini" sled dog team—Kiai, Nika, Sierra and their boy Raven! The cats are self-sufficient and prefer their "grandma's" company because she lets them watch Animal Planet! Plans are for their family and business ventures to grow in the not so distant future. Victoria says she was sorry to have missed Reunion, as she wanted to see everyone, but was also sure that Jehmal did not want to give up their honeymoon!

**Ana Maija Simic Beskin** is married to Jonathan Beskin, and lives in Great Falls, VA. They have 3 awesome kids: Ian (8), Megan (5), and Stefan (3). Ana was recently promoted into the Director of Security Assessments and Operations at EDS, located in Herndon, VA. She occasionally gets together with **Tracy Walters** and Sophia Kassim ('97), and would love to hear from everyone!

**Robin Bettger Fishburne** writes that she and Joe are settling in with their beautiful little girl Gibbs (1 ½) in Greenville, SC. Robin has been working as a REALTOR with Ryland Homes for over 3 years, and Joe is a Creative Art Director for Syobi Technologies. Robin wants to send out a very special "I miss you" to her close friend, Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun '95, who passed away 7/04/06. She will be truly missed and thought of always!

**Kimberly Shaheen White** is living and teaching Latin and English in Memphis, TN at a private Episcopal school. In '05, Kimberly received the Lorena Walker Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is the highest honor a teacher can receive at her school. She has 2 little boys, Max (3), and Marley (1) who are a fun handful! Max started pre-kindergarten fall '06. Kimberly's husband, Jeff White (HSC '96) is in a band called Giant Bear, which tours all over the country. Summer '06 they played at the Joshua Tree Music Festival in CA and cut their first album the previous spring.

**Sarah Chaffee Paris** tells me her latest update is that she, Jon and Bella

have moved to Hingham, MA. Sarah had a wonderful visit with **Sarah Reidy Ferguson** and her husband, Jim, at her family's beach house in Fairfield, CT last summer. Bella is adjusting to the quiet of the country and enjoying ballet, gymnastics and music classes.

**Rachael Boyd Belmonte** has moved to Williamsburg, VA and is teaching at Walsingham Academy. Rachel's husband Joe works for Lawrenceville Brick, Inc. Their son Will is in kindergarten, and daughter Emma is 3.

**Juli Bechard** got married 10/21/06 to Robert A. Wilkison. **Rachel Cooper Gray** was one of her bridesmaids. The newlyweds are currently living in Maxville, FL with their "children," 3 dogs and 2 horses. Juli is working in insurance, and Rob is going to school to become a teacher.

**Laura McGlamery Million** writes that her family had a very busy year! She and husband Rich (W&L '96) welcomed their 2nd little girl, Leslie Anne, 5/08/06. Daughter Ella (2) is thrilled to have a little sister (at least most of the time). The first part of June prepared for the family to move from WI to outside Cincinnati, OH with Rich's work. Thankfully they are now settled and hopefully things will now be a little less eventful.

**Heather Baskett** is living in Orlando with her wife Layla. They have 2 dogs and 2 cats, and Heather cares for 12 elephants for a living, including 3 babies! Her current work project is training one of the elephants for artificial insemination. Life is good in sunny FL!

**Susan Whitehead Froehlich** continues to work in marketing at River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg, VA and really enjoys it! Gearing up for Christmas season '06 by planning Santa's arrival and lots of other festive things was hectic but fun. Sue also says how much she enjoyed the big homecoming gala event, and how nice it was to see some old friends!

**Laura Lechler** tells me that life in VA Beach has been good! She and **Lee Foley Dolan** traveled to Houston for **Christie Cardon's** fall '06 wedding, and Lee also had a shower in Richmond for Christie.

**Eileen MacMurtrie** continues to work and play in Philadelphia. She currently works as a research nurse for the Department of Neurosurgery at the Hospital of the U. of PA, and will finish her master's degree in nursing at Villanova U. in Dec. '07. She then hopes to practice as an Adult Health Nurse Practitioner. Eileen keeps in touch with **Cindy Rakow Readyhough**, **Meg Magistro Aracdia**, **Leah Jorgensen**, and **Abbie McCammon Jeremiah** '98. Speaking of Meg, Eileen tells a funny story about Reunion. Meg couldn't come for fear of having to deliver

at Lynchburg General. While driving home from Reunion, Eileen called to check on Meg and was told her water had broken and she was headed to the hospital that minute! She then called Cindy and her husband Pat who told her to get to Fairfax pronto. Meg delivered late that night, and they all got to meet baby Nicolas "Nico" Christopher Aracdia the next day. Definitely a Reunion weekend to remember!

**Jen Beck Locke** writes that in Aug., Hunter was promoted to plant manager of the Georgia-Pacific plant in St. Marys, GA. Jen is staying busy at home with Marte (3) and Thomas (10 mos.). Jen recently received the Habitat for Humanity "Volunteer of the Year" award for Camden County, GA and has been working really hard on their fundraising efforts. The 1st of Oct., Jen visited **Jesse Durham Strauss** in Alexandria and saw **Abby Phillips Hinga**, **Rachel Baltus**, **Bridget Bayliss** and **Hilary Carlson Katerberg**. Jen would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to visit south GA, which is beautiful and full of fun day trips. She sends her love to you all!

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, life here in Tucson is wonderful. Husband Sam and I celebrated our 1st wedding anniversary 11/13/06, and are expecting our 1st child, a son, in Mar.! I wish each of you happiness and good health, and look forward to hearing from you!

1997

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We are already planning for our 10th Reunion, May 16-18, '08! **Kelsey Larus** is spearheading entertainment and events specific for our class, and I'm starting the Reunion Hospitality Committee. Contact me if interested in either one! With Reunion in mind, I'm making calls for the Annual Fund and gathering Reunion information. If you want to receive class e-mails and get connected, let me know!

**Lisa Hall** married Jason Flynn of Benzonia, MI, Aug. 5, Traverse City, MI on Torch Lake. **Allison Gerber**, **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar**, and **Scarlett Swain** attended. The Flynn's will continue life

in Aspen, CO, where Lisa trains horses and Jason owns a ski and snowboard company. **Scarlett** sold her house in Cary, NC and temporarily moved to Wilson, hopes to move to the beach in Wilmington soon. She'd love to hear from anyone in the NC area. Scarlett has worked for Accenture in Raleigh for 4 yrs.

**Catherine Zahrn** and partner **Shannon Bazar Zahrn** '99 moved to Austin, TX. They look forward to exploring a new city together and being close to **Heather McLeod** '99, who lives in Austin. **Brigette Laib** moved to Houston mid-Aug. after relocating with company, **Ashland Inc.** She loves her apt, city life, and kittens, Tucker and Macey. She keeps in touch with **Anna Meres Wade** and **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett**. Cynthia has visited with **Joelle Jackson** at her new home in Murfreesboro, TN, **Heather Smith** in Chattanooga, and **Alicia King** '97 in Atlanta. Cynthia arranges play dates and activities for Virginia, 2 in Feb., and works on behalf of our class for the Annual Fund and Reunion. She maintains a monthly letter for 43 of our classmates affectionately called the Circle of Friends. You'll make her day if you contact her! **Anna** and husband **Patrick** live outside Fayetteville, AR where he attends U of AR law school. Anna works in community mental health at Ozark Guidance, just approved by the AR Board of Examiners to practice Marriage and Family Therapy in state. She enjoys the change in climate, keeps in touch with **Brigette**, **Cynthia**, and **Alison Burnett**.

**Bobbie Jo Hedrick Atristain** discusses her 6 years of research with the paranormal in and around VA dealing with "haunted people" in newly published book *Haunted People Haunted Minds*. ([virginiaghosts.com](http://virginiaghosts.com)) It's available via the publishers website ([lulu.com/cpri](http://lulu.com/cpri)) and will be available on Amazon and **BN.com** by Christmas. Great news: her husband is home from Iraq for good!

**Chantel Bartlett** continues to manage a scholarship for h. s. seniors. The foundation has started traveling to promote their programs: Chicago, Orlando, Phoenix, '06. Chantel spent a weekend with **Alicia Foster Wilbun** in May, met baby Brianna for the 1st time. Ran into **Isabel Jean-Pierre** at a spa in Washington, DC, a great pleasure. Chantel keeps in close touch with **Alicia**, **Candice Broughton Maillard**, **Cynthia**, **Fionna Matheson**, **Natia Nemetisheva**, and chats online from time to time with **Bobbie Jo**, Junior League volunteering and her jewelry business, [www.gemsdujour.com](http://www.gemsdujour.com), take up a lot of free time. Chantel and her parents flew to France for the wedding of **Kristell Barreyat** ('98 TA) in early Oct. "She was a beautiful bride!" Chantel gave a reading in French at the wedding, in front of

200 people. She and parents then spent a week traveling Paris and southwest France. **Fionna** writes, "After joining the NOAA Corps in '04, I sailed the Equatorial Pacific as a deck officer aboard a NOAA research ship for 2 years. I've recently moved to La Jolla, CA, for a 3-yr land assignment. I work with the Protected Resources Division at NOAA's fisheries lab, conducting aerial and land-based surveys of marine mammal populations. What a great place to land! Shiphandling is an adventure, but I'm excited to be doing biology again."

**Lisa Williams** lives in London, works as a Publicity Manager at ESPN, travels a lot. She's taking part in the London Marathon in Apr. and hopes to catch up with **Betsy Bagg** '00, **Amy Scott** '00, and **Abby Schmidt** '00 in Las Vegas next year. She visited **Kelly Bowman Greenwood** who has "a super-duper husband Wayne and house in San Fran!" Kelly will be the featured Landscape Designer on an upcoming episode of "Landscape Smart for HGTV!" "The filming was exhausting (everything is built in 2 days), but the homeowners are great, the garden is beautiful!" Check out her web site ([www.kellygreenwood.com](http://www.kellygreenwood.com)) for air time.

**MaryLea Martin Harris** graduated with a MFA from VCU, summer '06 and had a great thesis exhibition at the Lee Arts Center, Arlington. She looks forward to time on campus this Nov. as the '06 Harry D. Forsyth fellowship recipient at the VCCA. Her family attended the wedding of **Courtney Totushek's** '97 to **MaryLea's** husband's best friend, **Adam Brown** (highlight: daughter Emma dancing at the reception!). **Harris** and **Brown** families attended homecoming weekend together.

**Astrid Liverman** graduated from UVA with a Ph.D. in Architectural History, May. Her dissertation entitled: "Art Nouveau as Social Art: The Modern Democratic Aesthetic of Parisian Worker Housing, 1894-1914" ("very specialized, but very cool"). She presented the research in Savannah, Apr. at the Society of Architectural Historians and again in Nancy, France in May at the Beaux-Arts Museum. She is Adjunct Faculty at the New School of Architecture and Design, San Diego and works at a yoga studio while applying for post-doc fellowships to get her thesis published and/or museum jobs. Summer '06 she met with **Kibby Jane Bryenton Fergusson** '00 in the Loire Valley, France for castle-hopping and catching up with husband **Donny** and son **Iain**. In Nov she is headed out to **Darelle Pfeiffer's** wedding on the NJ shore.

**Susan Barney** bought a condo in Richmond, VA to share with Boxer pup Milo. She loves home ownership and redecorating. She has worked for Congressman Eric Cantor as his

District Representative for 5+ years, mostly handles Immigration and State Department issues. She speaks with **Marnie Tokaruk Bates**, **Cady Thomas**, and **Lindsay Culp**. **Serena Putegnat** is still legal counsel at the U of TX, Brownsville. She celebrated **Cady Thomas's** 30th b-day in Nags Head and will travel to Mobile, AL to visit **Angela Elliott Merrick**.

**Isabel Jean-Pierre** was promoted to the Supervisory Immigration Policy Analyst of the Temporary Visa Program of the Office of Foreign Labor Certification; she manages 5 visa programs for the USA. She travels the US, works in conjunction with various Immigration Agencies.

**Erin Wortley Valliere** works at Micron as a photolithography engineer, juggles life with 2 children. She visited **Joanne Hopkins**, **Kim Izquierdo**, and **Page Darney** in DC for Page's 30th b-day. She and Joanne then went to LA to celebrate with **Erikka Sund** and new husband Steve Neal, who eloped to Jamaica summer '06. Joanne adds, "I did several triathlons over the summer, winning my age group at one, took 2nd overall in another."

**Anne-Claire Wackenhut** enjoyed a 2nd paid summer off from teaching, took trips from Buffalo, Pleasantville, and Long Island, in NY, DE beach, and down south to Atlanta and Huntsville. Sister Sophie '02 married Evan Szymanski (VMI/UMD '03), Atlanta. A number of SBC girls (mostly from Sophie's class) were in the bridal party and at the celebration. This fall, Anne-Claire started her 3rd enjoyable year at Capitol Hill Day School where she teaches Pre-K/Kindergarten. She often sees Emily Pegues '00 and **Mary Lea Martin Harris** when schedules permit! **Gretchen Gravley Tucker** attended a DC area bridal shower for Sophie. At a local alumna event in Jul., Anne-Claire caught up with Aracelie Castro '99, who now works at the Pentagon through the Financial Management Leadership Program. Anne-Claire keeps in touch via e-mail with Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky '99; Devon is married and works as an enforcement attorney for the TX Real Estate Commission. Anne-Claire looks forward to a Europe trip in winter to celebrate Sophie's wedding with family there and to spend time with Celeste '08, who followed in her foot steps and is away in Urbino, Italy, for her JYA!

**Elizabeth Snider Conner** enjoys teaching Latin at St. James School in Montgomery, AL. Daughter Karen Elaine started pre-k 3 at the school, is having a ball! Elizabeth gets together with her sisters, including Rachel Snider '03, in New Orleans to celebrate her 30th birthday, Nov. Rachel is in a Ph.D. program for Chemistry at Vanderbilt U.

**Tiffney Whitmire Graham** wrote in: "Bart and I had 1st child Caleb Barton Graham, 8/24/05. I enjoy staying home with him, selling real estate and remodel homes. I can't wait to visit with everyone at our reunion!"

**Hobby Holmes** worked 6 years at antique and estate jeweler, Camilla Dietz Bergeron, Ltd., NYC as buyer, seller, and designer. A pair of earrings she designed was featured in *New York Magazine*! She was engaged in Jan. to a UVA graduate, Taylor Cole. They will marry Jun. 9, '07, Raleigh, NC. **Kate Bryan McCulley** and **Mary Freiberg** will be bridesmaids, both of whom Hobby loves and feels honored to have by her side. Also in NYC, **Samantha Brodlieb Platner**, married on Jun. 10. Mary Freiberg and Carol Skriloff '00 attended. The new couple spent 2 weeks traveling Italy and now enjoy life as newlyweds.

**BABY NEWS: Cyndi Hague Hineline** delivered Alexander Joseph at 7 p.m., 10/6/06. He weighed 8 lbs, 8 oz, and was 21.5". He has red hair and lungs like his mommy. Cyndi says, "I'm planning on staying home as long as I can, since I don't have a job to go back to, and Shawn is able to be home on paternity leave with me through the end of the year. I count myself lucky to have that added help, and he is such a wonderful dad! Thanks to all who sent gifts and cards (and prayers!) They were all greatly appreciated!" **EXPECTING BABIES** in '06: **Gretchen Gravley Tucker**, and **TC Weiseman Kennedy**. **EXPECTING BABIES** in '07: **MaryLea Martin Harris** (Mar., in time for Emma's 4th birthday!) and **Angela Elliott Merrick**.

Thank you for heeding the call for news! I love hearing about your diverse journeys and the common thread that makes them so great. Friends: keep in touch!

1999

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This is old news for some of you, but it's the most recent I've got that hasn't made it in! PLEASE e-mail me new e-mail addresses for the list!

**Rachel Bratlie** and husband Chris are still in Charleston, SC. Rachel started her 3rd year of residency in psychiatry, loves it. They purchased their 1st home in Jul., enjoy being homeowners. They'll celebrate their 1st anniversary on Oct. 29th.

**Amy Gibbs Brown**, Kenton and Cooper have moved to Boulder, CO; they're enjoying the "outdoor" life.

**Andrea Capano** welcomed a bustling baby boy on Oct. 4th. Weighing 9lbs, 0 oz and 21" long, Alexander Royce Bartlett, is a dream! He looks like his Dad, Roderick Royce Bartlett II. Both Mom and Dad are settling in nicely to their new roles as parents and learning what sleep deprivation really is! Andrea will return to work shortly as a 7th grade science teacher; Rod is employed as Director of Operations at St. Joseph's Coll. in Standish, ME.

**Aracelie Castro** received her MBA in Int'l Business from UT at San Antonio, Dec. '05. She was accepted into a 3-yr Financial Management Leadership Program (FMLP) at the Dept of Defense. She relocated to Arlington, VA, Feb '06, and has seen **Donna Hoogland Harwood**, **Kelli Rogowski**, and Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98. Aracelie ran into Christine Bump '00 on the street, and discovered they live in the same building.

**Sarah Dean** joined the communications team of the public interest law firm, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. She still lives in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of DC, keeps in touch with **Kristine Bria**, **Erin Vlasaty**, and **Amy Jo Downing Pitts**.

**Jessica Dennig** lives in Tucson, AZ with German Shepherd Kai and works as a Customer Service and IS Manager for a Canadian company after spending a year in Mexico with the same company. She has recently purchased her 1st house.

**Rachel Barnard Fendley** and Bill expect a baby boy this Christmas. She still teaches 4th grade, stopped riding while pregnant. Rachel still keeps in touch with **Paige Wunder Fadden** who is busy with her advertising job.

**Sarah Kingsley Foley** reports that Coletton Scott Foley was born 3/9/06. He (7months) crawls and uses his walker to get around. She coaches cheerleading at VA Wesleyan and her team competed for the 1st time in 4 years. Sarah attended Elizabeth Finch's '01 wedding with **Megan Butt Glover** and Jenn Dixon Graves '01. **Brandi Whitley Hilder** and **Megan Pollard Leypoldt** came on separate occasions to Norfolk to meet Cole. Sarah also sees Ann MacDonald Carter '97.

**Megan Butt Glover** and husband opened their 4th restaurant in Jul. She keeps herself busy in real estate. She worked with fellow vixens in the past year including: Ann Macdonald Carter '97, Elizabeth Finch '01, Jenn Dixon Graves '01, and **Kelley Dize Anderson**. SBC clients are her favorite. She is President of the local alumnae association, Hampton Roads, enjoys getting to know local alumnae, current and prospective students. Daughter Ella's (SBC class of 2023?) babysitter has decided that SBC is home for her too and will attend this fall!

**Shannon Weisenberger Habenicht**, Charlotte, NC, started a monogramming business, Bobbin Along Monograms (bobbinalong.net), with mom and sister. She and husband Andy are having a blast with their daughter Finley.

**Kris Harris** continues work for PriceWaterhouse Cooper, enjoys it, though she travels too much.

**Russell Harrison** is planning May '07 wedding to Doracy Robison, Raleigh, NC.

**Lindsay Hicks** still lives in south Phoenix, works at a public relations agency. After 4 months, she earned Accreditation in Public Relations (APR), Aug. In spare time, she does freelance PR for local restaurants, writes articles for local magazines and newspapers. She plans a Nov. 24 wedding to Tim Watrous, whom she has been with since '01. Lindsay will rent out her town home to live in Tim's house. German shepherd Sage looks forward to playing Frisbee in a bigger yard.

**Melissa Henning Hill** has completed her 5th year in corporate events at Textron, still enjoys it. She and husband Barrett expect their 1st baby on Dec. 24.

**Mamie Jackson** began work at U. of MD, Coll. Park in U. Relations department. Mamie came to this position from Rutgers U., where she was Director of Development for Life Sciences. At MD, she serves as Director of the Western Region for the university. In Mar. '07, Mamie will be a bridesmaid with **Sarah Dean** and **Julie Harju** in **Kristine Bria's** wedding.

Sean and **Lindsey Neef Kelly** married in Apr. '06, expect their 1st baby, a girl, Mar. '07. As of Oct., the baby-to-be is healthy and spends all day, every day, kicking mom. Lindsey has been in touch with **Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky**, who is doing well in TX, and **Jen Schmidt Major**, who has given lots of good pregnancy advice. Lindsey attended the wedding of Jennifer Burke Luffman '02 at SBC, and started a new job as foreclosure attorney at Glasser and Glasser, PLC, Norfolk, VA.

**Valerie Roche Kite** and Derek started their own online coaching business (running triathlons and everything in-between).

**Emily Clark Kang** reports that her son Terrence (2) is starting to talk, always a riot. His 1st words were "Uh-oh!" She and husband Won plan to see **Morgen Hallum Charest**, D.C. at Thanksgiving.

**Jennie Lee** is in Seoul, Korea working for Samsung in their Private Banking division and wondering if she drank 1 too many glasses of the power woman's koolaid. She wants babies, and anxiously awaits an engagement ring. She has 1 more year left in her contract, and wishes to see baby pictures, family photos, and anything American!

**Marlena Dearman McGuire** is busy returning to work after being on maternity leave. She and husband Christopher had baby Patrick Terrence on Jul. 5, '06, his dad's birthday.

**Heather McLeod** lives in Austin with husband TJ and cat Squeaky Pearl. They love Austin and are excited to have bought their 1st house in fall of '06, a year after moving from DC.

**Emily Sartor** will marry Brad Patterson, Nov. 4, '06. They live in Durham, NC. **Anna Carmichael Redding** and **Kristin Hard** are bridesmaids, and **Shannon Weisenberger Habenicht**, **Jill Triana**, and **Megan Butt Glover** will attend. Emily still works as an LCSW at Duke Medical Center, provides therapy to families dealing with cancer.

**Kristin Smith Radtke** teaches Latin and Math at a prep school in Atlanta. She is involved with a running club and since the summer has run several 10Ks and her 5th half marathon.

**Cassie Watts Ross** travels a lot to Africa and Europe. She's a proud aunt again with the birth of nephew Henry Theodore, little brother to niece Eleanor (3), the 2 loves of her life. She plans to celebrate with Becky Hamby '00 for her walk down the aisle on Oct. 29th, and is maid of honor in **Jen Lear's** wedding Nov. 26th, at SBC. She caught up summer '06 with classmates at **Sarah Elkins's** wedding at SBC.

**Bernadette Dawes Smith** and Walt have been married 16 years and have 2 children, Tyler (13) and Emma Kate (7). Bernadette is a financial advisor.

**Shannon Smith** lives in Garner, NC and works in Fayetteville at Cape Fear Animal Hospital as associate veterinarian. She graduated May '06 from NCSU vet school! Shannon is involved in Covenant Church International in leadership (and sometimes helping to lead worship) in the college and career ministry. She's been involved with Mycheal Esquires for almost 1 year, and reports that things still developing.

**Tina Hansel Snover** welcomed her 1st child Nancy Brenae, Oct. 12. Husband David has taken a job in Lynchburg, VA where they will move in Nov.

**Katie Leeming Sparkman** and husband Alex bought a house in Jul., moved a few towns over into Rowayton, CT. They had baby girl Ashley in Aug. and are fortunately getting full nights of sleep. **Kim Bolz-Andolshek** visited a few days and helped with the baby. Katie saw **Meredith Bonnell Houff** and **Marlena Dearman McGuire** at their baby showers spring '06, along with **Jill Triana**, **Leslie Hardy Dunville**, **Megan Senecal Burton**, and **Kim Bolz-Andolshek**.

**Lillie Voght Tillar** moved to VA Beach, VA, expects her 2nd child in Apr.

She reports that **Amy Jo Downing Pitts** just had 1st baby Charlie in Oct.

**Meredith Tillery** still works as commercial insurance account manager, Knoxville, TN. She and fiance Marty McNamara are still planning a wedding although the date has been delayed due to a Marty's job transfer. Meredith has started an alumnae club for Knoxville, has actively participated in several college fairs as a Sweet Briar Alumnae Rep.

**Angela Walton** teaches h. s. science (6 years now) and coaches field hockey at Annapolis High, her alma mater. She is engaged to Chris Carpita and plans a Jun. '07 wedding. Angela speaks with Mary Lea Martin Harris '98 and spotted Emily Pegues '00 running the Annapolis 10 mi. race.

Husband Chris and I, **Debbie Buskek**, were pleased to add baby Natalie to our family this Sept. Believe me that having a baby in Japan is different. Our 2 boys are doing well and keeping me busy. We've enjoyed almost 3 yrs in Iwakuni, Japan but will be glad to return to the US spring '07, don't know where yet.

## 2000

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Hello, Class of 2000! I hope that the arrival of '07 finds you all well. Thanks so much to all of you who wrote in with your class news. If you haven't seen it, please check out our new class blog at [www.sbcclassof2000.blogspot.com](http://www.sbcclassof2000.blogspot.com). You can add updates at any time and it's a great way to keep in touch between magazines. Feel free to post pictures; you can also email me at [elizabethbake@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbake@gmail.com). Now on to the news! Congratulations to the newlyweds and brides-to-be of our class.

**Lucy Brooks** moved to Fort Mill, SC, just south of Charlotte, NC. She and Mike Thomas are planning a 11/18/06 wedding. Leah Brooks Waldrup '01 will be her sister's matron of honor, **Susan Bobb** will be a bridesmaid. Lucy, property manager for residential and commercial properties, would love to see anyone who comes her way! Speaking of Susan Bobb, she says that things in State Coll., PA are going well. She passed exams at the end of the summer and can now dream up her dissertation! 2 more years to go! Spring '07 she'll travel to Leipzig, Germany to research for several months, perhaps half a year. She looks forward to improving her German and visiting childhood haunts. Right now she is counting down the days to Lucy Brooks' wedding, Nov. 18th and can't wait to see SBC friends there.

**Amanda Ankerman** also looks forward to Lucy's wedding. She lives in Reston, VA, works with SAIC. She sees **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and says that she still paints and has gotten into scrap booking, which she highly recommends to those with boxes of photos, ticket stubs, other relics.

**Kim Harden Fella** has had an eventful few months. She married Chad Fella, 4/15/06 at her parents' estate in Macon, GA. **Kristen Lawlor Steege Atkinson** and Noah were in attendance. After honeymoon in Bora Bora and Tahiti, Chad and Kim returned to Macon. Kim spent her summer vacation with Chad in Newport, RI (where he is in Surface Warfare Officer School), before returning to her job as an elem. school counselor. Chad will be stationed in Jacksonville, FL beginning in Dec. '06, he'll serve as an OPS officer on the USS Doyle. They look forward to traveling Jamaica together over Thanksgiving while Chad is home.

**Christine Bump** says that she was sorry to miss **Kim Harden's** wedding in Apr. (due to moving), but looks forward to Lucy Brooks's wedding in Nov. She sees **Lindsay Perkins** in Arlington, and says that Lindsay has helped with many of her moves from apartment to apartment! Christine says that she generally has happy news to share in class notes, but '06 has not been her year! She will have only been able to live in her condo for 5 of the 12 months of '06; her home flooded twice this year due to negligent building maintenance. She lost most everything at the end of Feb., moved back in with all new belongings in Apr., only to lose most everything again in May. She says that she is finally moving back in late Oct. after the complete gutting and reconstruction of her condo is through. Hopefully there will not be another flood! Balancing life as an associate attorney at a not-so-sympathetic law firm has been a challenge.

**Evangeline Easterly Taylor** writes that Homecoming Weekend was her husband's 1st visit to SBC. He loved the campus and they enjoyed the weekend celebrations where they saw **Emily Pegues**, **Jackie Hauslein Kruchten**, and **Alison Stockdale**. Evangeline will travel with **Amanda Ankerman** to Lucy Brooks's wedding as well.

Also married is **Elissa Pugh** who eloped and was married to Enil Arguello Solis in Feb. She works in a great Montessori school. As always, she is trying to fix up her house and finish her thesis for her MA. The bachelorette weekend in Savannah and the wedding of Sarah Elkins '99 at SBC this summer were a blast.

**Amanda Jones** still lives in VA Beach, works as a recruiter. She is

engaged to Jeremy Williams; they will marry Apr. '07 in a small oceanfront ceremony. Jenaire Terry '01 is Amanda's maid of honor.

Down in Ocean Springs, MS, **Dr. Germaine Gottsche** still practices general dentistry and is going into her 3rd year, still loves it. She married Dr. Michael Wilson, Aug. 15 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** and Keith attended. Germaine writes that it was a beautiful outdoor ceremony and the weather was perfect! The newlyweds had a celebration party in Ocean Springs, Oct. and **Wendy Jolly**, **Allison Davis**, **Betsy Bagg**, and **Amy Scott** attended. Germaine enjoys seeing Allison Davis, now in New Orleans working for FEMA.

**Amanda Atkinson** is making a cross-country move and writes that she and husband Noah Smith recently moved from NYC to Los Angeles. 2 cats Fenway and Julian did not enjoy the 5-day car ride, but they're well now. Amanda is in student affairs at Occidental Coll.; the campus is used all the time in television shows and commercials. They miss NYC, but will probably love LA come wintertime!

**Emily McGregor Fenlaw** is certainly excited for winter. She and husband Jay have been madly remodeling their home in Dallas, TX, in an effort finish before the holidays and arrival of their 1st child! They expect a boy 1/13/07. Emily continues to pursue her architectural license, slowly working through intern hours, weighing the inevitable exam timeline.

Also in mommy-mode are **Anne-Ryan Sinnott Craig** and **Kimberly Earehart Coleman**. Anne-Ryan and husband still live in Fishersville, VA. Daughter Abigail (5 months) is a fun baby. Anne-Ryan enjoys being a mom, watching Abbey grow and play. She keeps in touch with Kimberly, who writes that she and husband moved to Gerrardstown, WV in Apr. Kimberly gave birth to beautiful daughter Claire Christiana, Aug. 19. She is doing great, enjoying motherhood. She has also visited Anne-Ryan and her adorable daughter Abbey. And **Maureena Robertson Crawford** welcomed daughter McKenna Leigh, Sept. 10, 11:12 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs 9oz and was 22" long. Mo says her life has changed completely after the arrival of her little girl. She is not looking forward to returning to work, but is pleased to report that she was promoted to manager. Her husband is doing well, enjoying fatherhood. McKenna has already received her 1st set of tools so she can help dad.

**Jessi Livingston** writes that she lives in AZ, loving it! She is the director/founder of AZ Girls Lacrosse; it's growing in leaps and bounds. Check out the



website at [www.azgl.com](http://www.azgl.com). She does promotions and advertising for national lacrosse company, STX. Jessi bought a house, is excited to move soon. She misses everyone at SBC and says to look her up on Myspace!

Also in AZ is **Amy Hess Snawder**, living in Sierra Vista and working at the Transportation Office at Ft. Huachuca. Husband Jared deployed to Iraq for a year in Aug. Amy says that it's a bit lonely by herself, but luckily they talk frequently by e-mail and occasionally by phone or web cam. Amy has 3 cuddly dogs and 1 psycho cat to keep her company, plus she can catch up on all those "chick-flicks" he doesn't want to watch! Jared and Amy plan to meet in Germany for a few weeks for his R&R leave in mid-Mar. (Happy Birthday to Amy!) They visited his parents in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia in late-May.

**Carol Skriloff** has been traveling too. She and Thomas got back from fishing trip in Islamorada, FL and are planning a trip to Argentina. Work is nonstop for Carol; she is in a partnership at Capital One Southcoast, will start her MBA in Jan. at Tulane U. **Petrina Johns** graduated with her JD from Southern U. spring '06. She speaks with **Melody Dix**, a CVS pharmacist in Ft. Meyers, FL.

**Tarah Kehm** is finally settled into her apartment in Brussels, Belgium and has been traveling to Sardinia, Berlin, Nice, London, and the USA. She enjoyed a birthday visit in Sept. from **Liz Keating** and **Lindsay Perkins**. Tarrah can't wait for Liz Keating's wedding!

I got to catch up with Jill Triana '99, Leslie Hardy Dunville '98, Sarah Machinist '01, Brook Tucker '02 and other SBC alums at a back-to-school brunch for returning students at the end of the summer. That was my last function serving as President of the SBC Triangle Alumnae Club, and if anyone in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area is interested in helping the club, please let the Alumnae Office know. Brian and I look forward to a road trip out to CO this Mar. during my spring break from grad school and teaching at community college. We're hoping to make a few stops to visit SBC gals! I keep in touch with **Alissa Harris**, **Josie Beets**, **Kibby Bryenton Fergusson** and love to get pictures of **Lindsey Brooker Brooks's** little boy, James, and Kibby's son, Iain. Keep those pictures coming, girls! Stay in touch and y'all take care!

## 2007

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We've been a busy lot this year! **Sarah Houston Kenning** reports that she has moved into her 1st house with husband Tyler and dog Maysie. She changed jobs to work as a Speech Language Pathologist with the Albany Medical Center, and is traveling to DC for a conference. In Washington, she plans to visit with Ashley Trantham '02, **Lys Burdette Paulhus**, and **Sarah Belanger**.

**Sarah Belanger** returned to Washington from visits to Wales, Ireland, Egypt, and Poland and visiting London with Maria Kitchin '04. She completed her MSc in Comparative and International Education at the U. of Oxford. She manages a non-profit and has more trips planned to Hawaii for wedding of Vicki Zak '00.

**Christine Rangel**, NYC, enjoys her job as Marketing Manager at Felissimo Universal Corp of America. She looks forward to visits from Sarah Belanger and **Sarah Houston Kenning**. Christine sang the National Anthem solo from Central Park on nationally-televised FOX News on Sept. 11, representing The Sept. Concert organization. She has taken up acting and is appearing in an "off-off-Broadway" show, "Female Bonding," running through mid-Nov.

**Sarah Lyn Shulteis Kashou** graduated from Boston Coll., May '06 with a MA in Counseling Psychology, concentration in Elem. School Counseling. She is a 4th grade special education teacher, hopes to become an elem. school counselor in fall '07. She married Peter Kashou, 6/24/06, lives in Watertown, MA, outside of Boston, where they have lived 5 years.

**Emily Black Burns** started '06 by going to India and Pakistan with husband Roy (W&L '99). There, they met remarkable people, including President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan. In Jun., Roy graduated from Stanford's Graduate School of Business. Afterwards, they spent the month of Jul. in London, Western France and Northern Spain, joined in France by Michael and Lys Burdette Paulhus '01. At the trip's end, Emily and Roy re-located from CA, back to Boston's South End, where they bought their 1st home. In Boston, Emily works in Product Marketing for TIBCO Software, Roy returned to his old company, TA Associates.

**Lys Burdette Paulhus** enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion. She teaches AP English, 2nd year. This summer, Lys traveled to Scotland with her husband Michael. They met Emily Black

Burns '01 and Roy, and traveled through France and into Spain together. They enjoyed the vineyards in Bordeaux and the beaches of San Sebastian. In Oct., Lys met with Meghan Frier Stawasz '01, Katie Wood Rea '01, and Jill Frier '06 at Jill's apartment in Centreville, VA. Katie was accompanied by husband Bryan, and little girl Brenna.

**Julia Kientz Ambersley** and Robbie bought a house and welcomed their 1st baby, Christian August Ambersley "Gus" on Sept. 9. They attended Emily Keating's wedding to Nick Hagg and saw **Joanna Slusser Hughes**, **Meg Eubanks**, **Chanel Smith**, **Leigh Harpel**, **Ashley Moring Weaver**, **Jamie Solimando**, **Angela Browning Montgomery**, **Stephanie Sherrard**, and **Brooke Burt**. She also saw **Ebeth McGovern Brann** in Charlottesville to visit Elizabeth, husband, and new baby Isabelle.

**Leah Solivan Busque** was at **Catherine Holswade's** wedding in Richmond in Sept. and had a great time catching up with **Allison Johnson Hailey** and **Amy Whitney**! Catherine wore her mother's wedding dress and grandmother's wedding ring. She also got to visit with **Erin Wright East** and baby boy Jack. We went out to dinner with **Kris Harris** and they both are doing great. Leah still works as a developer at IBM for Lotus Software Products, published 2 technical articles this year, is waiting on word about a US patent and will be attending "Lotusphere" as a speaker on upcoming Lotus features. Leah spends time boating on Boston Harbor, dancing at a studio in the city and getting involved with the Junior League.

**Elizabeth Finch** got married to Corbett Wright (JMU '95) on 10/7/06 here in VA Beach. Cameron Theodores Neuhauser '00 was one of my bridesmaids. Other SBC grads in attendance were **Jenn Dixon Graves**, **Megan Butt Glover** '99, and **Sarah Kingsley Foley** '99. She's in her 5th year of work as Sales Coordinator and Portal Administrator at Mohawk Marketing Corporation.

**Erin Packard Harrison** and Phillip celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary. Phill was promoted within America First Credit Union; he's a manager at his own branch in South Jordan, UT. She started her 6th year of teaching science.

**Lori Kovatch** moved from NJ to KY this year with fiancé. Left her full-time job in NJ to Manage Bella Vista Equestrian Center owned by fiancé's aunt. She's the manager/trainer at the farm, if anyone would like to visit our website it is [www.bellavistaequestriancenter.com](http://www.bellavistaequestriancenter.com). She telecommutes with her company in NJ part-time doing software validation work. She will marry Brian Long in Afton, VA, 4/28/07.

**Brieanne Vogler Midura** and Ben live in Boston while she works as a pediatric resident at Boston Children's Hospital. She plans to specialize in Pediatric Oncology and would love to stay at Harvard as a fellow. Ben teaches at Milton H. S. and coaches men's lacrosse at Babson Coll. days are busy, but she makes time to watch Red Sox's games at Fenway Park, take trips to the Cape, and enjoy Boston's quaint neighborhoods and parks. She had lunch with **Rebekah Burr**, sees Laura Reither Marcotte '02 often around Longwood medical campus. I call **Vanessa Corry Julsen** constantly to vent about residency and hear updates about handsome son Austin Carter.

**Allison Clark Joe** started her predoctoral internship. It's a year-long position working full-time at a mental health clinic in downtown Portland, OR, last requirement before getting her Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Husband Jeffrey still lives in ID, but looking for work in WA (where they'd both live when she finishes in OR). Sister Emily Clark Kang '99 has come down with husband and son (22 months) a few times to visit.

**Mariana Souza** will marry Jun. '07 Humberto, who is a prosecutor in Rio de Janeiro. They'll remain living in Rio after the wedding.

**Natasha Nickodem** completed a master's @ the U. of St. Andrews, Scotland in Museum and Gallery Studies, prepares for a move to Chicago.

**Kyle DuVall Blonde** and husband still live in Keller, TX. After 4 years as an International Marketing Manager for NCH Corporation in Dallas she resigned and accepted a position as a French teacher at a nearby h. s. I'm teaching all levels of French, I-IV AP. She's finishing up her Masters in Secondary Education and French at the U. of North TX. Next summer, she'll spend Jul. studying at the U. of Strasbourg, France for the final credits, will graduate in Aug.

## 2002

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*Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007*

It has been awhile since current notes for 2002 were published, I hope this helps update everyone. This spring is our 5th year reunion, very exciting!

**Laura Reither Marcotte** married Doug Marcotte, Nov. '05. They met at Harvard and married Charleston, SC. They enjoy fixing up their house in Worcester, MA. She's close to solving her 1st protein structure, how exciting! **Rebecca Waite** also got married to Michael Del



Piano, 10/6/06. **Alexis Kovacs** was a bridesmaid.

**Lauren Keasler Bass** has 3 children, daughter Edie (4) and twin boys, Travis and Scott (14 months). Her husband (HSC '01) is VP of Real Estate in Birmingham for Tranzon Hagen, a real estate auction firm.

**Michelle Dunn** is finishing up her doctorate of chiropractic. She'll graduate Apr. '07. **Jennifer Taylor** married, 10/14/06, Houston, TX. **Amanda Davis** was a bridesmaid. Jenn has completed a Masters in Education, received her Administrator's Certification, and is an Instructional Coordinator at an elem. school in Houston. **Alicia McCartney** attended Jenn's wedding. She lives in Arlington and work as an Operational Risk Analyst for Freddie Mac. She's traveled to San Francisco and Philadelphia, ran the Army 10 Miler in Oct.

**Mary Tassone Dunleavy** teaches 7th grade literature and drama to middle and h. s. students. Her husband is in the military; they move around quite a bit. **Shelley Jozwiak-Kellog** is an Agricultural specialist for US Customs and Border Protection at Charlotte airport. She saw Susan Bobb '00 while she training for her job.

**Stacey Armentrout Fallah** married Eric Fallah, 10/7/06. **Kathy Fowler**, **Rachel Roth Allred**, and Amy Waller '03 were bridesmaids. Stacey is excited to start her married life with a wonderful husband in Northern VA. Rachel Roth Allred married, Aug. '06; she and her husband live in MD. **Amy Gardner** is engaged to Tony Adams (VT '02) and they plan a small wedding in the Virgin Islands, spring '07. **Sophie Wackenhut** married Evan Szymanski 8/12/06, Atlanta. **Julia Rowland**, Anne Claire-Wackenhut '98, Celeste Wackenhut '08, and myself (**Arney Walker**) were bridesmaids. Sophie and Evan moved from Brooklyn to Atlanta, glad to be near family.

Congratulations to **Tamara Young Metzfield** and Dennis who welcomed 1st child Emma Grace on 8/20/06.

**Megan Tarnowski** married Souelyman Gundogdu in the Hamptons, 4/15/06. She lives and teaches in the Bronx and works on a 2nd masters. **Emily Johnston** and I attended the gorgeous wedding. Emily lives in London, works for Spink Auction Company, having a great time. She comes back to the States frequently for her job.

I've been doing a lot of work with the DC Alumnae Club and very excited to be a help. I went to Homecoming weekend '06 and saw **Brook Tucker**, **Ashley Trantham**, and **Aja Grosvenor** along with many others. Ashley works in DC as a Communications Manager for a nonprofit. It was exciting to be back on campus and see the amazing changes,

catch up with professors. I'm working as an Event Consultant for Windows Catering in Alexandria, VA. Aja enjoys the fall weather in VA. She takes golf lessons and tries to become an "athlete." She leaves in Jan. '07 for a mission trip to Togo, West Africa, very exciting. Upon return, she'll continue to provide Day-of Wedding Coordination, if anyone is in need.

## 2003

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It was great to see everyone at Homecoming. To those of you who were unable to attend, we wish you well and hope to see you soon!

**Lisa Lussier**, **Meghan Hauser**, **Anni Galdames** and **Sandra Grant Main** had a girls weekend at Sandra's house, Long Beach, NY, Jun. '06. The girls talked about Anni's Peace Corps service in Panama and her plans to get a masters in nutrition; Meghan's life in Atlanta and her plans to apply for Teach for America; and Lisa's plans stay in D.C. and attend grad school for a masters in Public Policy. Sandra is a super mom: juggles beautiful Noelle (2) and twins Ava and Michael Jr. (6 months).

**Shirley Pinson** lives in Spartanburg, SC. She recently finished her graduate program at Converse Coll., and looks forward to teaching! **Lana Davis** and **Christy Maxwell** visited Shirley for long weekends, spring '06—both visits were equally delightful! Shirley stays in touch with **Kylene Smith**. **Lana Davis**, **Christy Maxwell**, **Gilli Long**, **Amy Gardner**, **Virginia Leigh Uchello**, **Courtney Pfaff Kimble**, and **Amanda Crighton**. By Dec., she hopes to return to Virginia.

**Becca Gheen** graduated from Western Washington U., Jun. '05 with a M.A. in Environmental Studies and Political Science. She was recently in Peru and was enrolled in Amauta Spanish Immersion School. She did a 43 day trek through the Andes. Now she works for a wind energy consulting firm in Seattle, Washington, but is pursuing career options in the NGO/nonprofit sector in Seattle.

**Erin Keck Walsh** was married in Richmond last summer. 3 bridesmaids were from Sweet Briar. **Jacqueline Devine**, **Brianne Daley**, and **Virginia Fowler**.

**Rachel Howell Smith** and husband Randy just moved from Richmond to San Antonio, TX where Rachel started a custom children's furniture line called Peaches & Lilies.

**Jennifer Stanley Thompson** celebrated her 1st wedding anniversary

on 8/12/06. She lives and works in Northern VA. Jennifer and her husband have 2 dogs, Celti & Corgan, and cat Luna.

**Courtney Pfaff** married Chance Alexander Kimble 9/9/06. Bridesmaids included **Shirley Pinson** and **Anna Yankee**, as well as 4 friends from home. In attendance were Diana Marshall, Kelly Espy, and Lyndsay Welsh. Courtney and her husband spent their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, Punta Cana and are finalizing plans to buy a home in Warrenton, VA. Courtney and Chance welcome puppy Tucker, a Jack Russell, who walked down the aisle with the ring bearers. Courtney continues to ride and is currently top 5 in the region in the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Samm Grist** started law school in the fall '06 at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, VT.

**Angelique Milone** teaches dance in local preschools around Richmond. She is in her last year of school for her associate's degree in paralegal studies.

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It's great to hear from many of you. Can you believe that the holiday season is upon us?! I moved to Arlington, VA and am attending GWU for my Masters in Forensic Science, concentration in Crime Scene Investigation. **Katie Barker** worked with Busch Gardens as stage manager during their Halloween event. She and I reunited in Jul. for Liz Churchill's wedding. **Liz Churchill** married Chris Beazley on 7/3/06, Fredrick, MD. **Diane Lotz**, **Andrea Kloeti**, **Erin Mays**, **Cathy Sobke** were there to celebrate.

**Brie Meighan** married Jon Davis Hanna 12/30/05, Panama City, Republica de Panamá where both SBC ladies and HSC guys were in attendance. She founded 2 companies, Panama Real Estate Magazine ('04) and Hot Properties TV ('06). Both are growing, very successful.

**Heather Wright** was one of 20 grad students in the country to be awarded a Thomas Pickering Fellowship. She seeks a Masters in International Affairs at GWU.

She plans to study at the U. of Havana for a semester as part of her degree.

**Brentz Basten** got married 6/17/06 in Lynchburg, VA to Matthew East. **Tamara Himelright Helton** was her Matron of Honor and **Cat Brumley** her scripture reader. SBC grads in attendance were: **Laura Denson**, **Julia Geyer**, **Elli Vawter**, **Amanda Watts**, **Torrey Shallcross**, **Kim Gibson**, **Haley Graham** '06, and **Lauren Byrne** '04. She continues life in Lynchburg working at Yorktown Management and Research as a Securities Analyst.

On Jul. 19, **Jan Jennings** became engaged to Kerry Need. Jan attends Mills College for her MFA in performance and Choreography. **Sheena Belcher** got engaged to Matthew Hubbard in Jul. They will marry in their hometown, 6/16/07.

**Lynsie Watkins** is the President of Perfect Flavor, LLC, online gourmet ice cream store. She lives in Charlottesville, VA. **Christie Sears** moved from Miami to Denver at the end of Sept. and now works in the National D.O.O.R. office near downtown. **Karen Dennehy** runs family Thoroughbred Racing Farm. **Dana Ripperton** moved to the Ukraine to work with the Peace Corps for 2.5 yrs. **Erin Gibbs**, **Maggie Murray**, **Julia Geyer**, **Kathryn Strong**, **Kerri Martin**, **Karen Dennehy**, and **Lindsey Woodward** '07 went to NC to say good-bye to Dana. **Ashley Rogers** works as a member of Speaker Dennis Hastert's press team on Capitol Hill. **Cathy Sobke** started law school at FL International U. in Miami this fall, will graduate '09. **Ashley Ruffead** is taking classes for a Masters in Strategic Intelligence, concentration in Intelligence Analysis though the American Public U. System.

**Lindsey Nash** married David Hill, 6/14/06, Outer Banks. The bridesmaids included **Jen Bragg**, **Amanda Swan**, **Lesley Warner**, and **Ashley Ruffead**. **Meagan Chenault** '07 and **Carrie Thomas** '04 also attended. The newlyweds live in Madison Heights, and both work for Nelson County. **Amber McGlothlin Finnegan** married in Jun. '05 and lives at Robins AFB, GA. She teaches middle school Foreign Language classes and coaches the dance team at Warner Robins Middle. **Kathryn Davis** is a research specialist in cell biology at UVA. She lives with **Barbara Merk** and **Kristen Bergquist** '06. She's a member of The Virginia Consort, and recently visited Mercy Nuesa in Hawaii.

**Samira Hossain** lives in DC and works for Ernst & Young as a Management Analyst. **Erin Gibbs** lives in Alexandria, VA. She traveled to Puerto Rico and Italy, began work as a grants manager with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in DC, Apr. '06. She spends time with the DC SBC group:

**Julia Geyer, Sue Knouse, Page Napier, Lauren Wade, Laura Pearson '04, Kate Feiss '06 and Sara Hoverson '06** and keeps in close contact w/ **Karen Dennehy, Liz Eager, Maggie Murray, Dana Ripperton, and Casey Knapp.** If anyone wishes to contribute to the next issue, please send me an email at [watts05@sbcc.edu](mailto:watts05@sbcc.edu) OR [amandaw@gwu.edu](mailto:amandaw@gwu.edu). Hope to hear from you all!

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There were no class notes for 2006, so, because I (**Colleen Karaffa**) now work in the SBC Alumnae Office, I thought I'd update the book for a few of us.

**Paula Kirkland** has worked in the Alumnae Office since spring '06. Her big task is working on the next Reunion. At home in Lynchburg, she has adorable pug pup Otis and fiancé Mike for companionship. She's busy planning her wedding on 8/4/07 and the honeymoon in Disney World.

**Cara Cherry** is keeping busy at VA Tech vet school. She was glad to be finished with her 1st tough semester. I know she's had many new adventures with boys, pets, and friends. She made a visit to SBC, 12/13/06.

I love my job here in the office! I'm renting an adorable apt. in Lynchburg; it has a yellow kitchen! Haven't moved in yet, but will in Jan. Let me know if you're in the area; I love visitors! Brandon will join me there after the May 26 wedding. (Cara will be a bridesmaid.) Until then, we're both busy with the wedding plans, and his future plans for law school. We're arranging a honeymoon in Italy—fingers crossed.



#### WRITE TO US!

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#### Latest Issue Looks Great

Just received the latest issue of the magazine [Fall '06]...it looks great.  
—Catherine "Bunny" Brown '49

#### Spectacular Homecoming Weekend

It was gorgeous!! Spectacular!! Impressive!! You could fill up the whole page with adjectives. Audrey [Rosselot '48] and I both agreed that we had been to many SBC events, but this one truly topped them all. Congratulations, one and all. It was a wonderful weekend.  
—Martha Mansfield Clement '48

#### Thanks To All

Thanks to all of you for a magical [Homecoming] weekend. Your combined efforts resulted in a flawless event which epitomized the quality of the current Sweet Briar experience. It simply could not have been any better.

—Dr. Virginia ("Ginger") Upchurch Collier '72

#### Homecoming: Sensational

Homecoming was sensational. We can't begin to thank everyone, but please do pass on our grateful appreciation to all.

—Mary Fran Brown Ballard '49 & Don

#### Homecoming: Fantastic Job

Fabulous! Fabulous! All of you did such a fantastic job—everything went like clockwork—congratulations.

—Nannette McBurney Crowder '57

#### Things Going Well At The Old Patch

The whole [Homecoming] weekend was so much fun...My granddaughter was so impressed with SBC that she's thinking of applying eventually for admission, but that's at least five years away! My grandson also said he'd like to go to SBC, and we had to tell him we didn't think it would happen. Things really look like they're going well at the old Patch. I was well impressed with the students presenting their Honors research. The program has gone way beyond my hopes.

—Anna Chao Pai '57

#### All Of You Should Be VERY Proud

All of you should be VERY proud of the outstanding Homecoming and Capital Campaign Celebration. It was fantastic. As usual everything was above and beyond. The centerpieces, food and service were superior. It was a fabulous weekend...I am very aware that these types of events do not happen by magic. It takes tremendous teamwork and many long evenings and weekends...The pink and green team idea was

inspired!!! I hope this approach continues. Reunions could use the same focus and could inspire some fun competitions (fundraising, scrapbooks, etc.) Please pass on to your teams my heartfelt appreciation for all their hard work. It truly paid off. Again,

Congratulations!!!  
—Sandra Taylor '74

#### Thinking About Missing Homecoming

As I was thinking about missing Homecoming, I was reminded of a delicious squash casserole that is usually part of the picnic dinner served outside the dining hall. Is there any way to get a copy of the recipe? I do hope this is not a Sweet Briar secret! Thank you for any help you can give.

—Robin Rodger Heller '76

#### This seems to be a popular recipe.

This recipe will make one full hotel pan, so if they want to break it down to more of a manageable portion, just cut the recipe in half.

—Dennis Paranzino, Executive Chef, Prothro/Dining Services

#### SBC SQUASH CASSEROLE

3 lb. Yellow Squash, sliced  
6 ea. Whole Eggs, beaten  
1 qt. Heavy Cream  
1 qt. Mayonnaise  
1/2 c. Butter, melted  
1/4 tsp. Season Salt & Pepper  
1/2 lb. Celery, Onions, and Red & Green Peppers, chopped  
1 lb. Shredded Swiss or Cheddar Cheese

Boil/steam squash until firm and tender.

Drain well; arrange in a greased baking dish.

Mix remaining ingredients together. Pour over squash and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 300 degrees.

ENJOY!

## IN THE SWEET BRIAR

## *tradition*

If you love Sweet Briar College and are age 70 1/2 or older, you now have an exciting new tax-wise charitable gift option. You can donate any amount—up to \$100,000 a year—directly from your IRA to Sweet Briar.



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Nannette McBurney Crowder '57 made a distribution this year and will do so again next year. "A donor who is required to take a 5 percent minimum distribution from her IRA can instead direct the entire minimum distribution or simply transfer an amount from the IRA to the charitable organization," explains Nannette.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides that the Charitable IRA Rollover gift can be made in 2006 and 2007. Nannette, who is Sweet Briar's Planned Giving Chair, took advantage of this opportunity as soon as it became available. "This new provision offers a splendid chance for alumnae to unlock some of the dollars in their IRA accounts to make a significant contribution to Sweet Briar without paying the taxes due. In addition, such a gift to Sweet Briar could possibly lower the required amount that must be distributed every year from the IRA, which is taxable as income. It is definitely a win-win situation, for the donor and for Sweet Briar. If you don't have an IRA, maybe your husband does. The rules apply to anyone with an IRA, so perhaps he would like to make a gift in your name."

The Charitable IRA Rollover gift is a tax-free transfer made directly from the IRA to the charitable organization. The gift is not included in your income and you receive no income tax charitable contribution deduction for the gift. This rollover gift does not reduce your ability to make other charitable gifts that are subject to the income tax charitable contribution deduction rules.

Example: Mary Smith, who is over 70 1/2, has a traditional IRA with a balance of \$100,000, consisting of deductible contributions and earnings. She has no other IRA. Mary can request that the IRA custodian distribute the entire amount—or any amount up to \$100,000—to a charitable organization. Under prior law, the entire distribution would have been included in Mary's income. Under

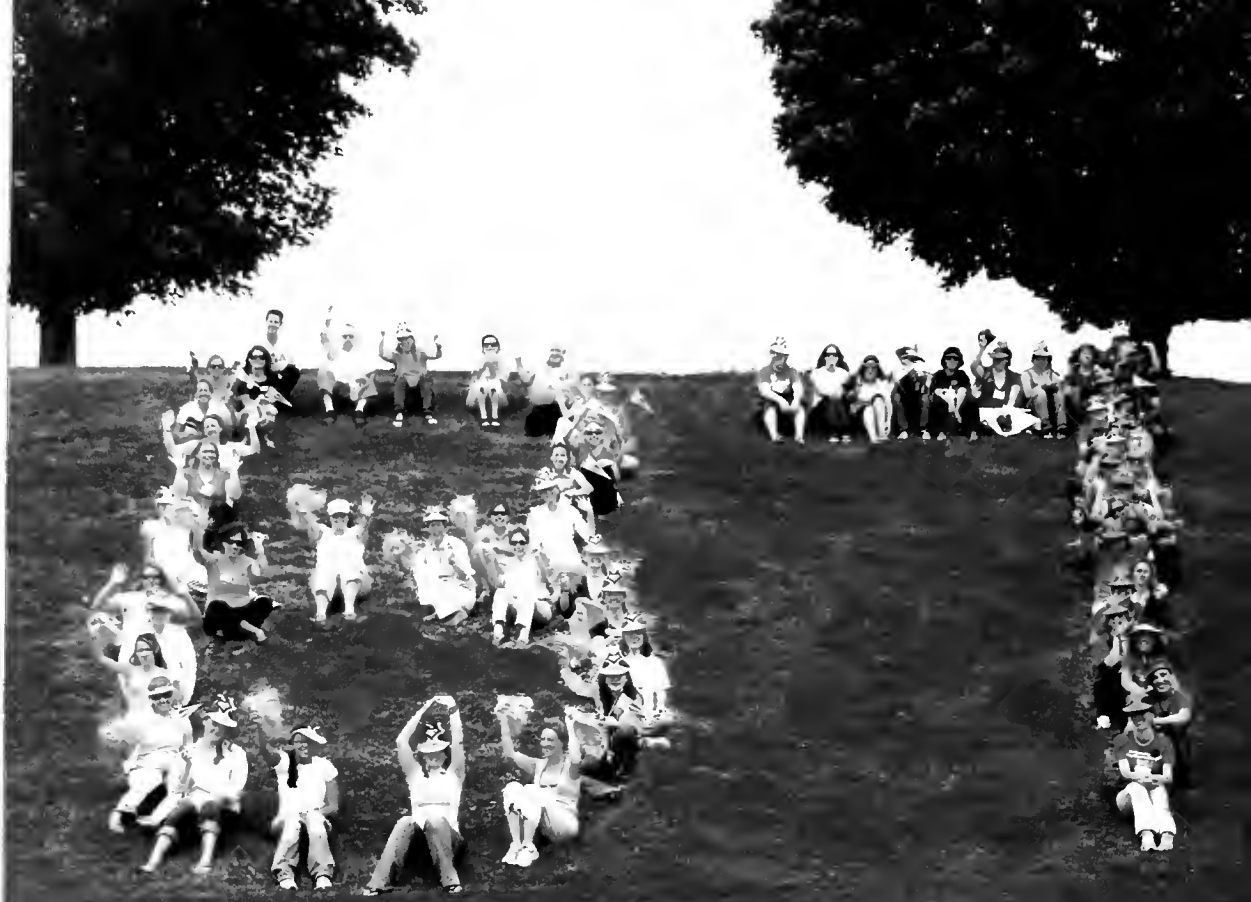
new law, the distribution is a qualified charitable contribution, so no amount is included in Mary's income and this tax-free gift does not reduce her ability to make other charitable gifts subject to the applicable giving limits.

The Charitable IRA Rollover is limited to gifts from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs, and it is not available for transfers from any plans that receive employer contributions. If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan and wish to make this gift, you can establish a new IRA and roll over some assets from your employer-sponsored retirement plan and make the Charitable IRA gift from the new IRA.

*The Charitable IRA Rollover gift is limited to gifts from traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs. The requirements are:*

1. *The gift must be made directly from the IRA plan administrator to the charitable organization.*
2. *The IRA plan owner must be age 70 1/2 or older on the date of the gift.*
3. *The gift must be a current outright gift.*
4. *The gift is limited to \$100,000 per-taxpayer per year.*
5. *The gift must be made from IRA funds that would have constituted taxable distributions.*
6. *The gift must be made to a public charity.*
7. *The gift cannot be made to a donor advised fund or to a supporting organization.*
8. *The gift must qualify as a charitable contribution.*
9. *The donor must receive a gift receipt.*
10. *The donor must not receive any quid pro quo benefits in exchange for the gift.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER GIFT OR OTHER CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE, PLEASE CONTACT  
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